

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Wednesday, November 7, 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, Hale (7:33 p.m.), Kim-Chohan; Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Councilperson George.

Main Street Minute was presented by Executive Director Rebecca Hersh. She reported that the Arts in the Park event held in late September was the best one held to date. The event keeps getting bigger and better. The Townwide Garage Sale was held the same weekend in partnership with Century 21. The 3rd annual Taste of Highland Park event was the biggest one so far. They partnered with Pino's for the Halloween Block Party and the restaurants in the area were happy because they made money. There were two festivals at the Farmer's Market recently. One was the Health and Wellness Festival and the other was the 2nd annual squash festival, which featured pumpkins and pumpkin painting. There was a Halloween trick or treating event on the 31st, businesses love it. They handed out tote bags for trick or treaters and stuffed information in the bags about the businesses. They will do it again with bigger bags for small business weekend. They plan to get 2,000 bags and fill them with promotional material for small business weekend to occur November 24th and November 25th. Upcoming events to include caroling around town, live music, movie, arts/crafts, flea market, tree lighting and food vendors. The Cook and the Carpenter bake shop will have grand opening on the 24th at 5:45 p.m. Cabelli Café will open soon next to the Bridge. There will be a Venezuelan restaurant opening in Jack's Hardware space. Chamber 43 is not closing, but moving to a new location. The Design Committee is working on map for new benches and trash cans and to spend CDBG money before end of the year. Would like to see holiday lights extended up Woodbridge Avenue, but there are no power outlets on the poles. Looking into solar powered string lights. The snowflake lights will be installed week before Thanksgiving. For the mural program, they are working with property owners and partnering with local artists. The menorah lighting will be held on December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Brill Mittler read proclamation for Small Business Weekend and presented a copy to Main Street Executive Director Rebecca Hersh.

Mayor Brill Mittler read proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Copy of proclamation will be sent to Mr. Juricic.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that Operation Take Back was held on October 27th and October 28th. They collected 130 pounds of unused/expired medication. The Police Department received a grant in the amount of \$1,082.18 for Drunk Driving Enforcement.

Councilman Fine reported that first, I want to congratulate my colleagues Council Member and past Council President Welkovits, Council Member Kim-Chohan, and Council Member Hale on being re-elected by the voters of Highland Park to continue to serve on this Borough Council. I look forward to working with each of them to continue exploring ways to stabilize property taxes, encourage mixed use development in Downtown Highland Park, protect our environment, and the general, health, safety and welfare of our residents. As the Chair of the Council's Finance Committee, I serve as the liaison to Highland Park's Municipal Ethics Board, which is governed under section 2-42.1 of the Ordinances of the Borough of Highland Park. Highland Park's Municipal Ethics Board's powers include initiating, receiving, hearing and reviewing complaints and holding hearings with regard to possible violations of the Municipal Code of Ethics or financial disclosure requirements by local government officers or employees serving the municipality. The Municipal Ethics Board may issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses with respect to its investigation of any complaint or to the holding of a hearing. It may also render advisory opinions to local government officers or employees serving the municipality as to whether a given set of facts and circumstances would constitute a violation of any provision of the Municipal Code of Ethics or financial disclosure requirements. Section 2-42.1 of the Ordinances of the Borough of Highland Park provides that the Municipal Ethics Board is to be made up of six members, and that no more than three members shall be of the same political party. We have had two vacancies on the Municipal Ethics Board. The 4 filled seats on the Ethics Board include 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans. I am glad to announce that on the Council's Agenda this evening is the appointment of Chris Rasmussen, a longtime HP resident, a former leader within the Highland Park Democratic Municipal Committee, and an associate professor of history at Fairleigh Dickinson University, to fill one of the vacant seats on the Ethics Board. So for all Non-Democrats in Highland Park, please note that we are still looking to fill a vacant seat on the Ethics Board. If you are interested in serving on the Municipal Ethics Board, please fill out a volunteer application, which may be found on our website or at the Borough Clerk's office and submit it to the Borough Clerk for the Mayor to consider. As Chair of the Finance Committee, I am also liaison to the Highland Park Free Public Library, which is a separate entity from the Borough of Highland Park. The Library Board of Trustees generally meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference meeting room in the back of the Library. The Library Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public. In 2018, a total of \$448,713.63 was appropriated to the Library in the Highland Park municipal budget based on a statutory formula. However, the Borough Council, as it has in past years, provided more than double the amount of money to the Library than it is statutorily required to be given. So, in addition to the \$448,713.63 we were required to provide to the Library in our 2018 budget, the Borough Council's adopted budget included an additional \$560,084.15 for the Library in 2018, so that we appropriated a total of \$1,008,797.78 to the Library for this year. Like with all other departments, we will be engaging in budget discussions with the Library for 2019 in the near future. The next Library Board of Trustees meeting will take place at the Library at 7:30 pm on Monday night, November 26th.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 11th and will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Doughboy Monument and proceed into New Brunswick. On November 6th, she joined the Mayor and the Mayor's Teen Advisory Committee at the Zone 6 Teen Center Celebration for 1st time voters. She wished the community Happy Diwali. May the festival lights brighten your life with happiness and success.

Councilwoman Welkovits thanked the Mayor and Religious leaders for organizing the events to share pain and heal together. Looking forward to shop small business weekend later this month. On November 26th the Safe Walking and Cycling Committee will be hosting 2nd stakeholders meeting. They purchased an outdoor bicycle stand repair kit which holds metal tools and bicycle pump. Keep Middlesex Moving is County Transportation Organization that works to improve transportation for all riders. They revamped emergency ride home program.

Councilman Hale – No report.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that Middlesex County included in a Valpak mailing information How to Recycle Right. The Borough will follow the County protocol and will recycle items with #1 and #2 on them and will no longer collect items #3-7. Trying to follow clean stream recycling guidelines. They will also no longer accept shredded material. More information to follow. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that in an effort to keep our recycling effort strong, they had meeting with the Middlesex County Improvement authority to see if they could piggy back on their recycling program. They are facing more challenges than Highland Park. Have to follow their guidelines and change the way we are used to doing things.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the PSE&G gas line and road repairs have been proceeding around town since the summer. Their roadwork is not completed, so don't worry about them leaving the roads the way they are right now. Their finishing team will be back in town to complete the paving of the roads by Spring 2019. She gave a big thank you to the Middlesex County Chapter of the League of Women Voters who worked with the Borough to celebrate our "first-time voting high school teens" last night. There were a dozen new voters at the high school. Congressman Pallone joined her in congratulating them and encouraging the other teen who had not yet quite reached age 18 to participate in government. Finally, our community was shaken by the horrific, violent massacre of innocent lives at the Squirrel Hill synagogue less than two weeks ago when worshippers were gunned down in the midst of the Sabbath prayers. Though the ugly hate that inspired that slaughter will forever be a reminder to use of the ugliness that humans can sink to, I was deeply touched by the outpouring of hope and love from various Highland Park faith-based communities. Several of our leaders and neighbors turned out to share in the grief of the Jewish community at some of the synagogues in town. A special thank you to Pastor Seth and Pastor Stephanie of the Reformed Church of Highland Park for holding an outdoor vigil for the entire population of Highland Park on Monday night after the tragedy. As I drive around Highland Park and see the many lawns proudly displaying "Hate Has No Home Here" signs, I'm reminded of how this community comes together when there is tragedy felt by one part of our population. That is a beautiful thing. But, we must learn how to all come together even when we don't have a loss to mourn. In this world of animosity and hostility, we must go high. Engage in debate and discussion, but not with hostility. We must all stay vigilant. That sadly is the world we live in. When I called together a meeting of all of our houses of worship, and Police and Homeland Security after the incident in Pittsburgh, we discussed steps that our houses of worship should be taking for security. The most important message imparted by the Homeland Security Detectives was, "If you see something odd, say something". So, I leave you with those same words tonight, "If you see something, say something".

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

Calvin Chatlos, Old Bridge, NJ, commented about marijuana and distributed booklets with information to the Governing Body. He displayed a graph showing the perceived harmfulness of marijuana.

Boris Bronshteyn, 367 Crowells Road, commented that marijuana use has been pretty stable for the last 50 years. It has been legal in Colorado for some time and they have seen decreases in use. Last week was the 2nd public discussion on the plastic bag ban and he feels that it was disappointing. When you are talking about a volunteer group trying to do good things, that is awesome. When that transforms into them creating legislation, they should be held to the same level of scrutiny and critical reasoning that any legislation is held to. When asked very simple questions about the degree of plastic use in Highland Park, the effects of that on the environment, and any kind of economic impact, they had no answers. They had a year, and a \$10,000 grant to do that. When they can afford to spend \$750 on an intern to create a graphic and a logo, it shows that they were not really trying to get real discourse. He noted that he sent a letter to the Governing Body. He did some quick math on the effect of a total plastic bag ban. Sustainable Highland Park had information that Stop & Shop & Rite Aid use 2 million plastic bags and that there would be a reduction of 11 plastic bags in the ocean, versus the perceived negative economic impacts of three separate ways. If you take how many plastic bags Highland Park residents should use, they use less than half in Stop & Shop and Rite Aid. This might be the most reusable friendly town in America and they use less plastic bags, but that is doubtful. This might mean that for more than half the people, their shopping is done outside of Highland Park. This will definitely impact the Highland Park community and force people to shop outside of Highland Park. He asked the Governing Body to consider postponing the vote on this ordinance. The State of New Jersey will be implementing a ban as well and this will have a major impact on small business owners. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Council is not ready to vote on this ordinance yet. Borough Administrator Jover, Councilman George and Tina Weishaus met with Senator Greenstein. They are trying to see what Highland Park can do to influence what they are looking at so that there aren't too many differences.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented that she was not able to attend the 2nd forum, but did watch it. Sustainable Highland Park put a lot of effort into this and they did a lot of public outreach. Feels that his statements are not accurate and are quite unfair.

Daniel Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented that there are costs associated with cannabis use, but it is a public health benefit. There is no data to suggest that legal cannabis increases the rate of fatal traffic accidents. There is a strong substitution effect of alcohol use. He cited an article in the Washington Post last year that ran down the data for this. With medical cannabis you see a decrease in alcohol consumption. The biggest lobbyist against legalization of cannabis is the alcohol commissioner. In terms of social cost, alcohol use is costlier than cannabis use. If you have a dispensary, that sends a message that this kind of thing is a low risk or is going to be used more frequently. There is no evidence that that kind of thing works.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented about men and women serving time in prison for marijuana convictions. Cannot legalize marijuana and still keep them locked up.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 328, "SEWER AND WATER", for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available for public inspection as required by law.

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

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance open to all officials and persons present and called upon all those wishing to speak for or against the ordinance to do so.

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

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1973, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson George.

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

No. 11-18-311

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 328, "SEWER AND WATER", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3 ET SEQ. THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 22, LOT 6, BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK TAX MAP AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 FOR SAID ACQUISITION, 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 Hale and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance open to all officials and persons present and called upon all those wishing to speak for or against the ordinance to do so.

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

On motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1974, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson George.

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

No. 11-18-312

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3 ET SEQ. THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 22, LOT 6, BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK TAX MAP AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 FOR SAID ACQUISITION, passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the

Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC", 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 Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance open to all officials and persons present and called upon all those wishing to speak for or against the ordinance to do so.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1975, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson George.

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

No. 11-18-313

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution No. 11-18-322 was separated from the Consent Agenda.

Resolution Nos. 11-18-314 through 11-18-325, except Resolution No. 11-18-322, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson George.

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

No. 11-18-314

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 Block 164, Lot 19, a.k.a. 202 North 3rd Avenue, #97-28, #99-51 and #12-00091, 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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 11-18-315

The Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00 to fund the following project:

NJUCF Stewardship Grant – Reforestation & Tree Planting

Therefore, the Governing Body resolves that Teri Jover or the successor to the office of Borough Administrator is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$0.00 and not more than \$30,000.00, and (c) to execute [] any amendments thereto [X] any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

The Mayor and Council authorizes and hereby agrees to match 33.33% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. Up to 100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

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

No. 11-18-316

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee (“STAC”) recently completed a Community Forestry Management Plan for the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in the context of the preparation of said plan, STAC has identified a critical public health and safety concern with ash trees throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, there is an extremely destructive insect known as the Emerald Ash Borer attacking the ash trees and making those trees unsafe; and

WHEREAS, STAC has prepared a letter for Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler to be sent to all Borough residents concerning the public health and safety concerns related to the Emerald Ash Borer attack on ash trees; and

WHEREAS, STAC has recommended that in order to incentivize Borough residents to remove any ash trees on their property, the Borough Council waive any fees for a resident receiving a permit to remove an ash tree and also the requirement for tree replacement.

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

1. Effective immediately, any Borough resident applying for a permit to remove an ash tree on their property shall have the fee otherwise required for the permit under Section 388-6 of the “Code of the Borough of Highland Park, 2010” waived as well waiving the requirement to plant a tree replacement pursuant to Section 388-11 of said Code.

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

No. 11-18-317

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the following the amount set opposite, the same being the amount of overpayment of 2018 taxes for the properties indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
82	36	Summit National of New Jersey, Inc. Title Co. 283 Inman Avenue, Unit 3 Colonia, NJ 07067 (426 Donaldson Street)	\$2,322.01

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. 11-18-318

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park wishes to enter into an agreement with the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) for disposal of municipally controlled solid waste in the Middlesex County Landfill for the period beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021 and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., a municipality may enter into a contract for such services with another governmental subdivision without public bidding; and

WHEREAS, MCUA has offered to contract with the Borough for solid waste disposal at the rate of \$66.75/ton maximum through 2019, \$67.75/ton maximum for 2020; and \$68.75/ton maximum for 2021, a copy of which contract and addendum are attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, funds will be made available in subsequent budgets for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough a contract with Middlesex County Utilities Authority for the disposal of municipally controlled solid waste at the rate, 66.75/ton maximum through 2019, \$67.75/ton maximum for 2020; and \$68.75/ton maximum for 2021, said contract and addendum to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Middlesex County Utilities Authority forthwith.

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

No. 11-18-319

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to publicly bid for Payroll Services for the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough is hereby authorized to publicly bid for Payroll Services for the Borough by a Request for Proposals.

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

No. 11-18-320

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that transfers of 2018 budget appropriation balances shall be made as follows:

Description	From	To
Police S/W	\$ 10,125.00	
Unemployment		\$ 10,125.00
Total	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 10,125.00

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

No. 11-18-321

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of an engineer to provide engineering services in connection with preparation of a Subdivision Plan for 226 Raritan Avenue, Block 22, Lot 6, in accordance with letter proposal from David Samuel, CME Associates, dated October 25, 2018, attached to the original of this resolution; 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, CME Associates, Parlin, N.J., is a firm of licensed engineers of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said consulting engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in Account Number No. C-04-55-826-220 in an amount not to exceed \$6,101.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Assistant CFO, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with David Samuel, CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859, a copy of which is attached to the original of this original, 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. 11-18-323

WHEREAS, the Borough utilizes a software program for various departments within the Borough through Spatial Data Logic (SDL); and

WHEREAS, the vendor is due payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 for said licenses; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 8-01-20-140-218 as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Finance Director, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to remit the amount of \$15,000.00 to Spatial Data Logic (SDL), 285 Davidson Ave Suite 302, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 for renewal of ten (10) licenses.

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

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

No. 11-18-324

WHEREAS, THE Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages’ and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials by upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Highland Park Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$25,551.00
Cash Match	\$ 6,387.75
In-Kind	\$19,163.25

2. The Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

No. 11-18-325

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 11/7/2018 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 37.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: Councilperson Fine.

Absent: Councilperson George.

No. 11-18-322

WHEREAS, Congregation Ahavas Achim has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct games of chance commonly known as Bingo in accordance with the Bingo Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-24 to 49), on December 1, 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 Bingo in accordance with the requirements of the Bingo 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 Congregation Ahavas Achim for the holding, operation and conduct of games of chance commonly known as Bingo upon payment of a license fee, subject to the provisions of said Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Chris Rasmussen to serve as a Regular Member of the Ethics Board for a term to expire January 1, 2021.

The above appointment was confirmed on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson George.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as Regular Members of the Planning Board for terms to expire September 2, 2022:

Stephen Nolan

Paul Lanaris

Judi Shade Monk

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Jeff Perlman to serve as the Alternate #2 Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire September 2, 2020.

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

Boris Bronshteyn, 367 Crowells Road, commented about plastic bag ordinance again with regard to data presented and the costs associated with the ban.

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

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson George.

No. 11-18-326

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
(Litigation: (a) Rosenthal v HP; JSM at Highland Park v HP)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk