

**REGULAR MEETING-(Rescheduled)**  
**Mayor and Council**  
**Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey**  
**May 22, 2018**

**(PAH) Call Meeting to Order**

**Time: 8:03pm**

**Mayor's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this rescheduled meeting was made. The date and time change has been advertised and noticed to the appropriate newspaper and posted on the Borough Website. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

**(ALB) Roll Call:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
WALKER (DW)	x	
FITZGERALD (LF)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

**Also present:**

**Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)**  
**Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO CTC (KJT)**  
**Mr. John R. Dineen, Borough Attorney (JRD)**  
**Mr. Gregory Polyniak, Borough Engineer (GP)**  
**Mr. John Dunlea, Neglia Engineering**

**(PAH) Flag Salute**

**(PAH) Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business**

**Motion GE**

**Second AN**

**Vote AIF**

**Teens for Tomorrow Proclamation Presentation**

PAH introduced Teens for Tomorrow. A special group that has accomplished much for the community, as well as for those in need. He was pleased so many came out to accept the Proclamation for the 10 Year Anniversary of HP Teens for Tomorrow.

Mrs. Leslie Fishbein, one of the originators of this organization was present and mentioned many of the accomplishment of the group which included, work with the Apostle House in Newark, helping the disabled and the hungry, helping the children of the Valley Program, and so much more that benefited the surround areas of Harrington Park.

**Proclamation**  
**HP Teens for Tomorrow**

- WHEREAS,** *The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park express their appreciation and thanks for the work and accomplishments of the HP Teens for Tomorrow Program; and*
- WHEREAS,** *HP Teens for Tomorrow is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and*
- WHEREAS,** *HP Teens for Tomorrow has made significant contributions to those in need by holding Turkey Drives and collecting blankets, hats gloves and scarves for Apostle House in Newark, New Jersey, which benefits the homeless and those in need; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The organization has helped the community through various programs and projects, such as visiting the residents at the Rockleigh Jewish Home, hosting Field Day and Trunk or Treat for the students who attend the Valley Program; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Teens for Tomorrow. holds annual holiday programs in December of each year that provide gifts for the elderly and families in need in our community, as well as, the Center for Hope and Safety, Rochelle Park, New Jersey; and*
- WHEREAS,** *For several years the Teens have provided a hot lunch at the Bergen County Health and Human Services Soup Kitchen in Hackensack, New Jersey.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** *that HP Teens for Tomorrow is hereby honored by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park as well as the citizens of our wonderful community by proclaiming, in celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:*

**May 2018-10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**  
**HP Teens for Tomorrow**

**BE IT FURTHER UNDERSTOOD,** *that all members of our community express our sincere respect and appreciation for all that the HP Teens for Tomorrow has contributed over the last 10 years, through volunteerism and community service for all the residents of the Borough of Harrington Park as well as many other groups and organizations throughout the North Jersey area.*

PAH thanked Mrs. Fishbein and all those that have given their time to help and support all these beneficial causes.

JC stated that every time she sees a Teens for Tomorrow T shirt, it makes her smile. This program incorporates everything that is good in Harrington Park, and those that participate are the best of the best.

JC quoted Bryan Stevenson, a human rights activist and civil rights attorney:

“We will ultimately not be judged by our technology, we won't be judged by our design, we won't be judged by our intellect and reason. Ultimately, you judge the character of a society...by how they treat the poor...because in that nexus that we actually begin to understand the truly profound things about who we are.”

JC thanked all and is grateful that HP Teens for Tomorrow is part of our community.

PAH reminded all to keep their service to others in the forefront as they go through their lives.

### **Eagle Scout Project Request**

#### **Sean Powers, Life Scout-Lynn Street**

Has requested to work with the Beautification Committee as his Eagle Project. He is proposing to remove the parking lot side of the Borough Hall plantings and replant and landscape with modern, draught resistant, easy care plants. He would like to work his landscape plan into the plans the Beautification Committee has for the area between the Borough Hall and Library. Project would start mid to late summer, depending on the sidewalk project that will start shortly.

Mr. Powers will be asking for help from the DPW when removing the shrubs that are already by the building.

PAH requested that the plants chosen will work well with the soil conditions around the Borough Buildings. Mr. Powers stated that one of his leaders is a landscaper and he plans on running everything by him, to ensure it is all appropriate for the area.

Council strongly endorses.

#### **Motion**

Motion was made by Councilman Evanella to approve Life Scout Sean Powers Eagle Project to landscape the parking lot entrance of the Borough Hall by removing the existing shrubbery and replacing with sustainable new bushes pending approval of landscaping plan and Boy Scout Council of New Jersey.

Second by Councilman Pedersen.

All in Favor

#### **Presentation from Recreation Commission for Open Space Projects**

Charles DeGruccio and Lynn Cappleman from Recreation Commission were present to discuss the plans of the Recreation Commission and the construction of a pavilion in the muddy area by the shed building. This patio area with a roof will help keep the area cleaner and safer. It will also provide a location for picnic table and coverage from the elements if necessary. The project cost is approximately \$80,000 to be funded 50% by County Open Space and 50% by the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund.

Size of pavilion will be 24' by 28' and will provide lighting and electric outlets for speakers and electrical equipment.

Photos were distributed.

A letter of intent is required with a resolution at the June 11, 2018 meeting. Submission is due June 18, 2018.

JP inquired if the roof is metal and if grills are allowed in this area. The roof will be metal and grilling will be in the vicinity, but not under the roofed area. Pavilion will hold about 8 tables.

JC noted that original requests for repair of basketball and tennis courts have been put on hold, to enable this project to move forward.

The award for this project should be determined around December of this year for project to commence in the Spring of 2019.

AN inquired if Open Space is open to other municipal buildings, outside of the realm of parks. GP stated that Open Space is just that-to be used for Open Space projects that benefit the community.

JC noted that the "Penny Tax" generates about \$50,000 annually, however part of that fund is used to pay for field maintenance.

AN inquired if this is the best project, or are there any other areas in the parks that need more attention. JC stated that the Commission walked all the parks together and felt that this is the best project at this time. Recreation has wanted this project for some time. There are restriction on what can be built at Highland Field due to the DEP restrictions (C-1 watercourse). DEP permit is approximately \$10,000, and not part of the match.

Project is also endorsed by the Environmental Commission and the Beautification Committee.

GP explained the drainage system for the area which will incorporate gravel and perforated pipes, to wick the water away from the concrete slab. Gravity will cause the water to flow to a catch basin and then to the watercourse. Drainage system will have an approximate life span of 20 years. The inlets are bike and cleat safe so no one can get injured and the drainage will not be adversely affected by anything.

JC thanked all for their patience and moved to approve the letter of intent for the pavilion project at Highland Field.

Second by DW

Roll Call Vote-AIF

PAH thanked Neglia Engineering and the Recreation Committee for putting together this project that will benefit the community.

MR. Gregory Polyniak from Neglia Engineering informed Council about the Safe Street to School grants and if the Borough was interested all could meet to discuss potential projects in the vicinity of the school.

**(PAH) Return to the Regular Order of Business**

**Motion AN**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**(PAH) Minutes Approval**

**April 9, 2018 Abstain LF**

**Motion: GE**  
**Second: JP**  
**Vote: AIF abstain LF**

**April 16, 2018**  
**Motion: AN**  
**Second: JC**  
**Vote: AIF**

**(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-**

**All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.**

**Consent Approval (A-E)**

**Refund Due to Overpayment of Property Taxes 2018-88 A**

**ADA Accessible Ramps and Sidewalks at the Borough Hall and Library 2018-89 B**  
**(Bergen County Community Development Block Grant Funded)**

**Agreement for Professional Services-Neglia Engineering-  
Stormwater Management Program 2018-90 C**

**Payment of Claims 2018-91 D**

**To Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Projects Senior Activities 2018-92 E**

**Motion JP**  
**Second JC**  
**No Discussion**  
**Roll Call AIF**

**(PAH) Consent Correspondence “AA”**

**Motion JP**  
**Second GE**  
**Vote AIF**

**Individual Committee Reports**

**(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher**

**Ad-Hoc Committee for Harrington Park Community Business Alliance**

**Chair: Helen Maginn**

**Members: Jeff Brockman, Christine O'Donnell, and Paul Shackford**

This enthusiastic group will be working to create interest in the downtown shopping area of the Borough, along with holding a Farmer's Market.

**(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance**

**Fire Department:**

9 calls, 2 drills, 1 Junior drill, 1 interborough meeting, 1 chief's meeting, 1 general meeting.

Ambulance Corps:  
20 total calls-17 in Harrington Park  
Building Department;  
\$7419 in permits. 9 Zoning Permits

**(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel**

557 calls, 226 traffic details, 4401 miles traveled (YTD 16,774)  
6 motor vehicle accidents with one injury  
YTD-1 DUI  
84 summonses, YTD 229-Officer Getto has written the most  
OT \$12,000  
O/E YTD \$27,600  
4 IAs, 2 internal, 2 at prosecutors office  
Attorney general is mandating drug testing for the police departments to help ward off  
issues at an earlier stage.  
Prosecutor is mandating that each department appoint a Humane Officer (Officer  
Leeman appointed)  
Sgt. Murphy has held 4 classes on child seat safety.

**(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling**

April 2-still plowing and salting  
Collected storm branches  
Cleaned up the path at Highland Field  
April 23, playground equipment was inspected  
April 30 clean up-400 lbs garbage, 100 lbs. recycling  
Staff will follow a 5 day schedule for cleaning up litter in, addition to their regular  
routine.  
Recycling: 9940 Steel, 10,040 white goods  
Curbside 26.39 tons.

**(LF) Board of Health, Environmental Commission**

**(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants**

Will be meeting to discuss Fire Trucks and other large purchases.

**(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information**

HP school bus was in a fender bender with another HP School bus. All parents were  
called immediately-No one was injured.  
School budget 1.8% increase. Average home \$132.59

**(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator**

Reminder that Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 28, 2018.

**Old Business**

**(AN) Fire Department Equipment**

AN is following up from correspondence he had distributed a while ago. If Council is interested in purchasing a new fire truck, there is a 1.5 to 2 year lead time. Specifications need to be worked on during the summer and then we have to go through the bid process. After that there is a 5% down payment which will save the Borough a substantial amount of money. AN would like a resolution put together so he can inform the Fire Department. It should include the wishes of Council to have the Fire Department consider shared services for the future since the cost of individual trucks are very pricey.

DW would like to see more commitment from the Fire Department to look into shared services since we have the most man-power in the area and carry the load for other towns.

PAH has spoken with other elected officials and no one seems to want to discuss the shared service of the fire departments-much is politically based.

GE inquired if there is an ongoing wish list of equipment. AN is planning on tracking all of the equipment,

KJT we would have to bond for each portion of down payments on the truck as it is built. Perhaps some sort of saving plan would have to be made for each department that needs responder equipment (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Discussion took place regarding the differences between the Fire Company and Fire Department.

JRD-past history is stormy and Council may not want to go down that path since it seems that the current relationship is working well.

GE suggested that their 990 tax form can be reviewed on the IRS website.

### **New Business**

JC Discussion with the school about placement of rocks as a safety element to keep vehicles off the fields. They will have them delivered from LG and DPW will help them place them in strategic areas that are esthetically pleasing. Environmental Commission and Beautification Committee will designate locations. For insurance purposes this is standard operating procedures.

Accessibility will be left for police and ambulance vehicles.

PAH added that perhaps some rocks should be placed up on Highland Field.

DW asked if PortaPottys were removed-JC reported yes they were removed.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Chung to approve the placement of stones along Borough property by the Harrington Park School rear fields to protect children and provide additional safety on the school grounds. The School shall be responsible for all delivery of stones and supplies for the project. The Harrington Park DPW will only assist in the placement of stones that they can move with their Borough equipment.

Second Councilman Pedersen.

Roll call-all in favor

Nay-GE

**(PAH) Mayor's Report**

Peter Ardito of the Environmental Commission had received correspondence from the Borough of River Edge that they have Red Bud Trees available for free from their tree farm. The DPW will pick them up and we will have them available for planting on public property and for residents.

The Clothing Bid has been moved at the school. PAH spoke with the school to discuss the permissions and approvals of use of public property.

The intersection by Closter Road will be under construction starting in June. ALB will be posting on social media and will send around a Swiftreach message.

**Mr. Dineen, Borough Attorney**

Discussed that the Borough will be dealing with Suez and their large tax appeal. Mr., Wilkins our tax assessor has recommended that the Borough hire an outside specialist to help defend the Borough.

Resolution was passed out to Council for review and then vote below:

2018-93

**RESOLUTION**

The Borough of Harrington Park

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park is engaged in litigation with respect to certain outstanding tax appeals;

WHEREAS, the configuration of the existing litigation now requires that an independent real estate appraiser be employed for purposes of helping the Borough in defense of the tax appeals;

WHEREAS, the name of McNerney and Associates, Inc. has been offered as a real estate appraisal firm with much expertise in the area of defending litigated matters on behalf municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has appropriated up to \$5,000 for the engagement of such services from reserve for tax appeals from reserve funds of the Tax Appeal account;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that it hereby agrees to engage McNerney and Associates, Inc. as Appraiser Consultants on its behalf for up to the sum of \$5,000.00 and the Mayor, Clerk or such other authorized person shall execute and sign such engagement as may be necessary.

Motion JP

Second JC

No discussion

Roll Call vote AIF

**Ordinances-None**

**Meeting Open to Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second JC**

**Vote AIF**

**No one present**

**Meeting Closed to Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**(PAH) Motion for Closed Session GE Time:9:58pm**

**Second AN**

**Vote AIF**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

1. Potential Litigation-Sanitation

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

**Return to Open Session**

**Adjournment-Time: 10:08pm**

**Motion: AN**

**Second: GE**

**Vote: AIF**

**Addendum A  
RESOLUTION  
2018-88**

Refund due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to a DOUBLE PAYMENT by wire transfer from CORELOGIC on APRIL 27, 2018 and by TITLEMARK on APRIL 19, 2018. The homeowner has requested in writing a refund and Titlemark has supported that.

BLOCK LOT	Property Owner	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	QTR
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1017 15 George & Mary Pabst 53 Kohring Circle S, \$3939.61 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr '18

WHEREAS, the homeowner, George and Mary Pabst are entitled to a refund of \$3939.61

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$3939.61 for overpayment of the 2018 property taxes

**Addendum  
RESOLUTION B  
2018-89**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of Neglia Engineering Associates that the Contract for:

**ADA Accessible Ramps and Sidewalks at the Borough Hall and Library  
(Bergen County Community Development Block Grant Funded)**

be awarded to Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Boulevard, Suite 12C, Brick, New Jersey 08763 for the bid amount of Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$44,705.00) (which represents the Base Bid, Alternate Bid 'A', and Alternate Bid 'B') being the lowest of three (3) bids submitted. This Resolution is to take effect upon certification of this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

Acct#C-0455217 720 008

**Addendum  
RESOLUTION C  
2018-90**

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NEGLIA ENGINEERING**

WHEREAS, Borough of Harrington Park is required to meet new requirements for the NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Management Program; and

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineering Associates has provided the Borough with an Agreement for Professional Services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement for Professional Services includes a lump sum cost of \$5,340.00 representing Engineering and Surveying Services and on a material basis according to scheduled fees for a cost not to exceed \$600.00 representing Reimbursable Expenses; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that these funds have been appropriately budgeted for; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement of services for NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Management Program for Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

**Addendum  
RESOLUTION D  
2018-91  
Payment of Claims**

**WHEREAS**, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Harrington Park in the following amounts under various funds of the town:

Current Appropriations (2017)	\$	14,400.00
Current Appropriations (2018)	\$	929,319.95
General Capital Fund	\$	146,343.99
Animal Trust	\$	43.20
Miscellaneous Trust	\$	2,338.00
Affordable Housing Trust	\$	
Open Space Trust Fund	\$	5,504.00
Grants	\$	3,830.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,101,780.04</b>

**WHEREAS**, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, Borough Council, and the chief financial officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Harrington Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Council and Chief Financial Officer and Department Head be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purpose specified below:

Payroll- Salaries/Wages	04/27/18	\$110,534.95
Payroll- Salaries/Wages	05/11/18	\$109,836.17
Payroll- Salaries/Wages		
Payroll- Salaries/Wages		
Pensions		\$516,394.91
Health Benefits April- May 2018		\$81,201.93
Local School April 2018		\$993,255.50
Regional School April 2018		\$710,710.25

Debt Services

**TOTAL** **2,521,933.71**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the claims totaling \$ **3,623,713.75** be approved and ratified respectively.

**Addendum E**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**2018-92**

**TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**  
**Senior Activities**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$3500.00 has been proposed by the Mayor and Council for Senior Activities expenses in the municipality of Harrington Park for FY2018, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Harrington Park, and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of Borough of Harrington Park hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited

**AA Correspondence**

4/17/2017

Tidelines-Hackensack Riverkeeper

Hackensack Riverkeeper invitation to participate in Oradell Reservoir Challenge

4/23/2018

RTK for 49 LaRoche Avenue

COI T-Mobile

4/25/2018

NJDOT Approval of Glen Avenue Paving with reminder of 75% voucher submission.

4/27/2018

Notice for Planning Board Hearing –Blue Hill Estates Preliminary Major Subdivision -20 Pascack Avenue.

5/1/2018

Bergen County Preservation Awards May 10, 2018

ISO Building Department Code Effectiveness Grading correspondence

Glen Avenue East roadway project (Neglia ) Vouchers and Engineering Certificate.

5/3/2018

MEL/JIF updates for Employment Practices 2018.

5/11/2018

OpenSpace trust hearing scheduled for June 14, 2018-Hackensack

Workshop May 17, 2018 in Hackensack for securing park grants

5/16/2018

Annual DOT Public Hearing 6/13/2018-Hackensack

5/21/2018

NJDOT Safe Streets to School applications are now being accepted along with Transportation Alternatives Set Aside program.

Anonymous correspondence received regarding posts of Ambulance Corps on Facebook

Road Opening Permit 54 Ehret

Thank you form school regarding safety barrier on rear fields

Ordinances for Sustainable Land Development Subdivision –Freeholders

Expedited contract for ADA accessible sidewalks received from County

