

REGULAR AGENDA MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
December 11, 2017

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order **Time: 7:02pm**

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. 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 mailed 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)

(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 Items: A-F

Transfer Jurisdiction of the Elevator Safety Enforcement Subcode Back to the Borough of Harrington Park 2017-138 A

Resolution to Support Wider Bicycle Paths of George Washington Bridge 2017-139 B

Resolution to Enter Contract-Senior Citizen Activities CY2017 2017-140 C

NJDOT Advertise to Bid-Glen Avenue East 2017-141 D

Refund for Overpayment of Property Taxes-Choi 2017-142 E

Refund for Overpayment of Property Taxes-Malara 2017-143 F

Motion AN

Second JP

No Discussion

Roll Call Vote AIF

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

PAH noted the care the DPW took when plowing for the recent storm. Care was taken to go around the piles of leaves that were out in the street and then went back later to clean the roadways.

PAH was invited to attend a drill held by the HP Fire Department. PAH's grandson is a Junior Fireman, and PAH was impressed with the training and support provided to the fireman, and especially to the Juniors by Tom Simpson and Jesse Barragato. The training session addressed how to help a firefighter (or an individual) when they are down.

AN added that he always knew the importance of the Fire Department, however, as their liaison, he is always amazed at how well trained the expertly prepared they are.

PAH suggested a video should be produced and posted.

Mr. Barry Wood will be honored as Citizen of the Year 2018 at the December 18, 2017 meeting.

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

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

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

(LF) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

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

FEMA reimbursement for Generator Grant was filed by the CFO

Next meeting will be the adoption of the Bond Ordinance.

Thanked Father Bryan from Our Lady of Victories for the donation of a generator for the Borough Hall

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

Swim Club met recently to review their current situation-This year's Board is a good group and they will be submitting their financial information to the Borough shortly.

LF suggested that they Club allow one day passes for those that are not members, and bring the annual fee down, since it is so high.

PAH inquired into if there was any data on the future drop in membership.

JC stated it is a balancing act, and she hopes that the groups that lease the pool for training will continue in 2018.

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Second Reading for Bond Ordinance-December 18, 2017

First Reading of the Elevator Inspection Fees as per the State of New Jersey

Old Business

None

New Business

AN requested that the Council review and consider a resolution that opposes the Department of Agriculture's new standards for beekeeping. The current rules will basically prohibit local beekeeping. With his work in produce/agriculture he is aware of the benefits of bees. He hopes that the Department will reconsider some of their new rulings and reach out to various beekeeping groups in the State so everyone can benefit.

JP inquired if the school has presented any programs on the dangers of texting and driving. He has connections to someone who provides these programs to the community. LF suggested reaching out to Dr. Sabatini at the high school.

Motion to Open to the Public GE

Second AN

Vote AIF

Motion to Close to the Public GE

Second AN

Vote AIF

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session Time: 7:18pm

Second GE

Vote JP

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 7:22pm

Adjournment-Time: 7:22pm

Motion: GE

Second: JP

AIF

Addendum

**RESOLUTION
2017-138**

Transfer Jurisdiction of the Elevator Safety Enforcement Subcode Back to the Borough of Harrington Park

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park have determined to transfer jurisdiction of the elevator safety enforcement subcode back to the Borough of Harrington Park; and

WHEREAS, at the current time, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has that jurisdiction, but pursuant to NJAC 5:23-43(a)3, the Borough has the right to re-acquire jurisdiction of the elevator subcode duties by enacting a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park believe that it will be more cost effective and efficient for the Borough to provide those elevator inspection services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that pursuant to NJAC 5:23-43(a)3, the jurisdiction of the elevator safety subcode shall be transferred from the Department of Community Affairs to the Borough of Harrington Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs since the transfer of jurisdiction does not occur until 120 calendar days after a certified copy of the resolution is received by the Department of Community Affairs.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Harrington Park has entered into a contract with New Jersey Technical Services (NJTS) Inc., 100 Schraalenburgh Road, Harrington Park, New Jersey to assume responsibility of the elevator subcode on the Borough's behalf as an authorized third party elevator inspection agency. In conformance with NJSA 40A:11-.1(a), solicitation of quotations is not required due to the estimated annual cost of the contract. The Borough and NJTS are willing to assume responsibility of the elevator safety inspections prior to the 120 day transfer period if it is convenient to the Department of Community Affairs.

Addendum

RESOLUTION

2017-139

**IN SUPPORT OF THE WIDENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE
SIDEWALKS**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Bridges sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runners and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the paths are heavily used, with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day: and

WHEREAS, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide if they are heavily used; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalks are currently ten feet wide except where the bridge's suspender ropes pass through, where they are even less than seven feet wide; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge's suspender ropes beginning in 2017 and lasting until 2024; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps that will provide access to the sidewalks will be constructed, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority's bicycle states that its goals are to integrate "improved bicycle access: and "safe bike lanes" and to "promote the safe coexistence of motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians" at its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the width of the bridge's sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high-pedestrian and bicycle paths; and

WHEREAS, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Borough fully supports the widening of the George Washington Bridge Sidewalks.

**Addendum
RESOLUTION**

2017-140

To Enter Grant Agreement

Community Development Senior Citizen Activities

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purposes of using \$3,500.00 in FY2017 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities in Harrington Park, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor Paul A. Hoelscher to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorizes Ann H. Bistriz to sign all county vouchers in connection with the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Harrington Park is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement, and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements

Addendum

RESOLUTION

2017-141

TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Michael J. Neglia, that the plans & specifications for:

NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID FUNDED PROJECT

GLEN AVENUE EAST ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK

BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Are hereby approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids. This Resolution to take effect immediately.

Addendum

RESOLUTION

2017-142

Refund due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to a DOUBLE PAYMENT by wire transfer from CORELOGIC and the NEW homeowner through NORTH BERGEN TITLE AGENCY for THIRD QUARTER 2017

Block	Lot	Homeowner	Address	Amount
1001	12	CHOI	120 Somerset Rd, Norwood	\$659.52

WHEREAS, North Bergen Title Agency are entitled to a refund of property tax due to an overpayment of \$659.52

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 \$659.52 for overpayment of the 2017 property taxes

**Addendum
RESOLUTION
2017-143**

Refund due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to a DOUBLE PAYMENT by wire transfer from CORELOGIC and the homeowner refinance through ROBERT A. SILBER, ESQ. for THIRD QUARTER 2017

Block	Lot	Homeowner	Address	Amount
903	7	MALARA	214 MARTHA RD	\$2,826.72

WHEREAS, Jessica and Anthony Malara are entitled to a refund of property tax due to an overpayment of \$2,826.72

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 \$2,826.72 for overpayment of the 2017 property taxes