

**Mayor & Council
Reorganization/Regular Meeting
January 1, 2010**

The Meeting was held at the Robert D. Wilson Community Center.

Mayor Little called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Mayor Little asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and stated the following:
Pledge - As we pledge allegiance to our country this afternoon, may we remember that while we celebrate, soldiers are fighting to protect our freedom in a foreign war. May we pledge our support and gratitude to them and to their families until they return safely home.

Mrs. Cummins read the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Notice is hereby given that this is a Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Borough of Highlands Mayor and Council and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski

Absent: None

Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Bruce Hilling, Borough Administrator
Scott Arnette, Esq., Borough Attorney
Stephen Pfeffer, CFO

Mayor Little then stated the following:

Before we begin our meeting I would like to share some sad news. Yesterday morning at 5am Arthur Frielinghaus left this world. Arthur has spent his final years living in Jackson NJ with his family. Arthur was not just a dear friend, but also an active leader in our community. He had a way of convincing us that we wanted to do things we had never thought of before. It was Arthur who invited my husband and I to become members of the Highlands Republican Club and to participate in Highlands government. Arthur was also an active member of the Historical Society and Editor of the Highlander Newsletter. But Arthur will be most fondly remembered as the "MAESTRO" of the Highlands Community Singers bringing cheer and songs to the hearts of shut ins and enhancing many of our community events. Arthur was truly a pillar of our community. We continue on led by his example to guide us.

Moment of Silence- For all members of our community family who have passed away during this past year. May we remember them for the special way in which they have touched our lives. We are truly grateful that they shared so much of themselves with us. They will live on in our hearts.

A moment of Silence was observed by all.

Oaths of Office:

Robert Clifton, Freeholder administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Frank Nolan.

Robert Clifton, Freeholder administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Richard W. O'Neil.

Appreciation Acknowledgement from Governing Body to both Mr. Urbanski & Mr. Caizza

Ms. Kane presented a plaque to both Mr. Urbanski and Mr. Caizza for their nine years of service to the Borough.

Mr. Urbanski thanked his family and the residents for the opportunity to serve the community.

Mr. Caizza also thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve the community.

Mayor's Message to the Residents:

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Mayor Little gave the following speech to the Residents:

Mayor's State of the Borough Address
January 1, 2010

Happy New Year 2010 to you and your families. It is an honor to report to you regarding the experience of working with the Highlands Borough Council of 2009. The past year was filled with challenges, some created by actions of higher government, and some created by ourselves. We have all learned something from each other throughout this past year. We are all better as individuals for our experiences working together as members of this Governing Body.

In 2009, we continued to face many of the challenges that we faced in 2008. Worldwide economic pressures yet unresolved resulted in new budget challenges here and in all levels of government. Moon Tides and sudden downpours continued to create flood management requirements. Bridge Construction continued to affect quality of life for residents and businesses throughout the Borough. Highlands felt an increased impact of the war in Afghanistan as we honored veterans and were reminded of the sons of Highlands fighting in the present foreign war, recognizing the needs of their families here at home.

We ourselves created a few new pressures on businesses via our ABC Ordinance enforcement and ID card requirements. We also sent business owners scrambling to rework the budget of the Highlands Business Partnership, and to determine new methods for running HBP signature events without the "seed money" provided by the annual assessment imposed by the businesses against themselves. Through communication about these issues, members of the Governing Body proposed changes to the ABC Ordinance and ID requirements, and business owners resolved to continue operating the Highlands Business Partnership as a nonprofit organization. Our work in these areas is far from complete.

Throughout 2009 the Highlands Borough Council continued our work on budgetary issues. Worldwide economic decline pushed unemployment into double digits, forcing state government to reduce aid to municipalities once again. Policy changes and new ordinances passed by the 2008 Council, and cost saving suggestions by Borough employees, saved Highlands from levy cap breaches yet again in 2009. The Budget Review Advisory Committee spent countless hours analyzing the Borough's budget and has learned much about the difficulty in making short term budgetary changes. The Committee has many long term goals which will be helpful guidance to the Governing Body in 2010. The 2010 Council can look forward to considering actions to facilitate the goals of this very valuable Committee.

Construction of the Highlands-Sea Bright Bridge progressed with consequent quality of life issues, including traffic impact which created difficulty for residents and businesses alike. Through the Bridge Committee here in the Borough and via participation in the NJDOT construction meetings at the office of the Resident Engineer, we have made the concerns of residents and businesses known to NJDOT and its contractors. We continue to work on resolving many of the issues related to Bridge Construction, and will continue to post updates on the website under the Bridge Update button throughout 2010.

Our two most important achievements in 2009 were in the areas of zoning and flood abatement. In December 2009 the Governing Body enacted zoning ordinances in compliance with the Master Plan Reevaluation conducted by the Highlands Planning Board, and created a Bond Ordinance which would allow funding for a comprehensive solution to downtown flooding. Applications for funding assistance based on designs facilitated by the Bond Ordinance are expected to be submitted within the first quarter of 2010. These accomplishments were important in support of economic development in our downtown business area, improving quality of life for Highlands residents and increasing property values. Projects such as these improve our position in the FEMA Community Rating System giving us stronger eligibility for future funding and reductions in flood insurance costs.

I have already met informally with members of the 2010 Borough Council. There is certainly a different dynamic present in 2010 as compared with 2009. While our agenda for 2010 is still being formed, I am hopeful that in the true "Highlands Spirit" we will find unity in our common goal: To contribute to the betterment of the Borough, our home.

On this New Year's Day 2010 we should all be reminded of the gift given us by the founding fathers of our country, and which our military fights to preserve today. In many countries people are denied the opportunity to participate in their government. They are dictated to by leaders who are self interested and who disregard the needs of the people they serve. In Highlands we, the people, elect our government to represent our interests fairly and honestly. In our small community we are able to truly know our

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elected officials and communicate with them freely. We must all be encouraged to appreciate our freedoms and to use the gift of self government to the fullest extent. Our government is only fully effective if we participate fully.

Best Wishes for Peace and Prosperity in 2010. A Happy New Year to everyone.

Oath of Office:

Clair French, County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Dave Parker, Fire Chief.

Claire French, County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Alfred Marker, Captain of the Highlands First Aide Squad.

Resolutions:

Mayor Little announced that that the following items would be removed from the agenda today:

Resolution R-10-01 Resolution Appointing Borough Attorney
Resolution R-10-03 Resolution Appointing Borough Prosecutor
Resolution R-10-13 Resolution Appointing Borough Engineer
Resolution R-10-13A Resolution Appointing Finance Committee Member
Resolution R-10-15 Resolution Appointing Members of the HBP
Resolution R-10-17 Resolution Appointing Environmental Commission Members
Resolution R-10-18 Resolution Appointing Shade Tree Commission Members
Resolution R-10-19 Resolution Appointing Municipal Judge

Mr. O'Neil offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-02
RESOLUTION
APPOINTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that **FRANK NOLAN** be appointed Council President for the one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Francy and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Kane offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-04
RESOLUTION
APPOINTING ALTERNATE BOROUGH PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional services for the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) requires that the resolution awarding the contract state the supporting reasons and be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten (10) days after passage of the resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that **Steve Rubin, Esq.** be appointed Alternate Borough Prosecutor for the one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2010; and.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in the Courier within ten (10) days of its passage.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-05
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands is in need of a Municipal Public Defender pursuant to Public Law 1997 C.256; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 98-02 the Municipal Public Defender shall be paid an annual salary of not less than \$1,500.00, which shall be apportioned pro rata for the portion of the year in which the Public Defender serves; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Public Defender shall only be required to attend Court when his clients are listed on the calendar; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten days after passage of the resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. **Thomas Smith**, Esq. is hereby appointed Public Defender for the (1) one year term to expire December 31, 2010.
2. The appointment is made without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish a public notice of this award as required by law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in an official newspaper of the Borough within ten days of its passage.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**R-10-06A
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the following appointments be and are hereby confirmed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

1. Kenneth Braswell	Regular Member for a 4 year term to expire December 31, 2013
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Seconded by Mr. Francy and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Kane offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**R-10-06B
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the following appointments be and are hereby confirmed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

1. Bruce Kutosh	Alternate #2 Member for 2 Year term to expire 12/31/2011
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Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Kane offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-07
RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE HIGHLANDS PLANNING BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the following appointment be and is hereby confirmed to the Highlands Planning Board:

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1. Richard O'Neil

Borough Council Representative for
a (1) year term to expire 12/31/2010

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Kane offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-08A
RESOLUTION APPOINTING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that **Tim Hill** be appointed Community Development Representative for the Borough of Highlands for the term to expire December 31, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Francy offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-08B
RESOLUTION APPOINTING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

BE IT RESOLVED that Councilperson **Frank Nolan** be appointed Alternate Community Development Representative for the Borough of Highlands for the term to expire December 31, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. O'Neil and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-09
RESOLUTION
APPOINTING JUVENILE OFFICER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that **Robert Burton** is hereby appointed Juvenile Officer for the one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation for said position shall be as set forth in the Municipal Salary Ordinance.

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Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Kane offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-10
RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that **Elizabeth Searcy** be appointed Deputy Court Administrator for the one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said position shall be compensated at the rate of \$20.00/hour.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Nolan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-11
RESOLUTION
APPOINTING CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that **Rebecca Kane** be and hereby is appointed Clean Communities Coordinator for the one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Francy and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-12
RESOLUTION APPOINTING
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands, being a resort community, from time-to-time has the need to employ Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has made recommendations to the Governing Body regarding appointment of said officers;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the following persons be and hereby are appointed Special Officers of the Borough of Highlands for the term to expire December 31, 2010:

Diane Alvator, Highlands	-	Special Officer Class I
Todd R. Gardiner, Tinton Falls	-	Special Officer Class II
Peter Tortorell, Jr. Keyport	-	Special Officer Class II
Ryan Clark, Highlands	-	Special Officer Class II

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: Mr. O'Neil voted against the appointment of Mr. Gardiner

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Francy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-14
RESOLUTION APPOINTING
TAX SEARCH AND ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the following appointments be made for the terms to expire December 31, 2010:

Tax Search Officer - Debby Dailey

Assessment Search Officer - Carolyn Cummins

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation for said position be as set forth in the annual salary ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Debby Daily, Deputy Borough Clerk be appointed Alternate Assessment Search Officer (at no additional salary).

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Francy offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**R-10-16
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE POLICE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the following persons be and hereby are appointed Fire Police for the year 2010:

Chief – Edward Sulkowski
Howard Paronto
Tom Snow
Charles Roemmele
Wayne Occhipinti
Douglas Zeigler
Stanley Pape

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Seconded by Mr. O'Neil and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Nolan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-20
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS
OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the following appointments be made to the Shade Tree Commission:

Rebecca Kane	Council Member Representative 1 Year term expiring 12/31/10
Douglas Widman	Citizen Member 3 Year term expiring 12/31/12
Jeremy Gully	Citizen Member 3 Year term expiring 12/31/10
_____	Vacant Unexpired 3-year term Citizen Member Vacant 3 year term expiring 12/31/12

Seconded by Mr. O'Neil and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Nolan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-21
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands is required to designate the official newspapers of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the official newspapers of the Borough shall be and hereby are designated as:

THE ASBURY PARK PRESS
THE TWO RIVER TIMES

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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Mr. Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-10-22
RESOLUTION SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR
MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the following schedule is hereby designed as the official Meeting Calendar of the Governing Body for the year 2010. The official meeting days shall be the first and third (unless otherwise noted). Meetings held on the first Wednesday will be considered Workshop Meetings with Special Action as necessary and as advertised with the exception that the Payment of Bills will be a part of every agenda. Meetings on the third Wednesday will be Regular Business Meetings where official action will be taken on all agenda items.

DATE

WORKSHOP MEETINGS

January 6, 2010
February 3, 2010
March 3, 2010
April 7, 2010
May 5, 2010
June 2, 2010
No 1st Wednesday Meeting
No 1st Wednesday Meeting
September 1, 2010
October 6, 2010
November 3, 2009 Regular Meeting
December 1, 2010

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 20, 2010
February 17, 2010
March 17, 2010
April 21, 2010
May 19, 2010
June 16, 2010
July 21, 2010
August 18, 2010
September 15, 2010
October 20, 2010
No 3rd Wednesday Meeting
December 15, 2010

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings will be held at the Highlands Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 171 Bay Avenue, Highlands, NJ at 7:00 p.m. for Executive Session and at 8:00 p.m. for Business Meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Meetings shall have a General Public Portion as required by law.

Resolution R-10-23 Resolution Authorizing Cash Management Plan

Mrs. Cummins requested that this item be removed from the agenda and Council authorized its removal.

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor Little stated that at this time she is removing the following from the agenda:

**Mayors Appointments of OEM Coordinator
Mayor Committees
Mayors Appointment to the Planning Board**

REGULAR MEETING:

SFY 2010 Budget

Ordinance O-10-01

Mrs. Cummins read the title of Ordinance O-10-01 for introduction and setting of a public hearing date for February 3, 2010.

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Mr. Francy offered the following Ordinance and moved on its introduction and setting of a public hearing date for February 3, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.:

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**O-10-1
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2010
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands in the County of Monmouth finds it advisable and necessary to increase its SFY 2010 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$69,429.09 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the SFY 2010 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Highlands shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$243,001.82, and that the SFY 2010 municipal budget for the Borough of Highlands be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of the ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director with 5 days after such adoption.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and introduced on the following roll call vote:

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ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil

Resolution – Introduction of SFY 2010 Municipal Budget

Mr. Pfeffer read the following Resolution for approval:

**2010 Municipal Budget
State Fiscal Year**

I is hereby certified that the Budget and Capital Budget annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof is a true copy of the Budget and Capital Budget approved by Resolution of the Governing Body on the first day of January 2010 and that public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4(d)

Mr. Francy offered a motion and moved on the adopted on the SFY 2010 Municipal Budget Resolution, seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil

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BUDGET
SUMMARY
HERE**

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Ordinances: Introduction & Setting of a Public Hearing Date for February 3, 2010

**Ordinance O-10-02 Ordinances Rescinding O-09-29 & Reinstating Chapter 17 HBP
Ordinance O-10-03 Ordinance Amending Chapter IV – ABC**

Mayor Little announced that the Governing Body is not prepared to act on these ordinances at this time therefore they will be removed from the agenda today.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Kerry Gowan of Ocean Avenue wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Jen Roberts of Valley Street thanked the DPW for their help on Valley Street.

Richard O'Neil thanked Mr. Caizza and Mr. Urbanski for their service to the Borough.

Nancy O'Neil of 224 Navesink Avenue thanked the community for their support for her son who is serving in the war.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

Mr. Nolan offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Kane and all were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

CAROLYN CUMMINS, BOROUGH CLERK

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