

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**R-11-154**

**Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands budgets funds for payment of such items as utilities, payroll, contractual agreements previously approved and authorized by the Governing Body, debt service, governmental fees and other statutory payments, insurance, employer paid employee benefits, and for the advertising, printing and mailing costs of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the payment of these items frequently arrives out of time for placement on the next available bill list, and in several months of the year the Governing Body meets only once a month, thereby inadvertently placing these bills and mailings in arrears because of the schedule of meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to designate one person who may approve claims between meetings of the Governing Body. The Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands wishes to provide for the pre-payment of certain items, so that they may be paid in a timely manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make pre-payment of the following fixed items prior to the same appearing on the meeting bill list, such funds to be taken from the pre-budgeted amount for each such expense:

1. Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, cellular telephone, gasoline, diesel fuel, internet providers, etc.). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized, if desirable, to establish an electronic payment plan (sometimes referred to as zip check) with the various utilities. This resolution would authorize said utilities to debit the appropriate Borough bank accounts as required.
2. Payroll and various payroll agencies.
3. Contractual agreements previously authorized and approved by the Governing Body including sanitation and recycling collection contracts and associated tipping fees.
4. Debt service.

5. Governmental fees and other statutory payments (school, county, special district taxes, regional sewage authority and County of Monmouth Reclamation fees).
6. Insurance.
7. Employer paid employee and retired employee benefits.
8. Bills pertaining to the advertising, printing and mailing costs of the Borough.
9. Bills where vendor discounts are granted for timely payments. Example: 2% discount for payments made within 10 days. Maximum dollar amount allowed is \$10,000.
10. Payment of any other item deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer that does not exceed \$10,000.
11. Third Party Tax Lien and Premium Redemptions.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**Date: July 20, 2011**

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CAROLYN CUMMINS, BOROUGH CLERK

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands at a meeting held on July 20,2011.

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**BOROUGH CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK**