

Mayor Nolan offered a motion for the following resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-13-240

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS TO CLAIM A LIEN FOR DEMOLITION COSTS AND FEES AGAINST 1 LOCUST ST, KNOWN AS BLOCK 101, LOT 19 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, WHICH WAS DEMOLISHED AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED TO BE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE AND THE PUBLIC WELFARE

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2013, the home located at 1 Locust St., also known as Block 101, Lot 19 on the official tax map of Highlands, New Jersey (“the Home”), which was being raised off of its foundation to comply with FEMA Flood Regulations, slid off of its foundation and into another adjacent home; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official determined that Home was an unsafe structure, posing an actual and immediate danger to human life and the public welfare and posted a Notice of Imminent Hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official ordered the demolition of the Home in order to protect human life and the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Highlands incurred \$40,786.77 in demolition costs associated with the demolition of the Home; and

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, *et seq.*, permits a municipality to assess the cost of demolishing a building, which is deemed unsafe and dangerous to human life and the public welfare; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, as follows:

1. The Borough shall assess a Municipal Lien against real property located at 1 Locust Street, Highlands, New Jersey 07732, also known as Block 101, Lot 19 on the official tax map of the Borough of Highlands in the amount of \$40,786.77 for demolition costs and fees associated with the demolition of the property, which was determined to be an unsafe structure, posing an actual and immediate danger to human life and the public welfare.

2. The Mayor, Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

Seconded by Mayor Nolan and all were in favor on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE: November 6, 2013

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk