

211. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on November 5, 2014 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

Councilmembers: Vincent Iacobino
Glenn Poosikian
Mary Anne Groh
Andrew Rosenberg
Anthony Volpe
Michael Bain

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor DeRienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and upon roll call all members of the Council were present. The Mayor then read the following statement: "This is an Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth. I am informed by the Clerk that adequate public notice has been provided by mailing notice to The Record, by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center, by filing a copy of the notice in the office of the Municipal Clerk and by mailing notice to all persons who requested same and prepaid the same."

Thank You From Councilman Rosenberg

Mr. Rosenberg said he wished to recognize and thank Mayor DeRienzo and Councilman Iacobino for their contributions over the span of their 49 years of combined service to the Borough.

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Bergen County JIF	2015 Proposed Budgets	All Council
Bergen County JIF	2014 Dividend	All Council
MEL Joint Insurance Fund	Notice of Education Sessions	All Council
Bergen County Administrator	Follow-Up Steps from October Oil Summit	All Council Police Chief Fire Chief OEM Coord.

Public Hearing – Submission of 2014 Open Space Grant – Memorial Park Pavilion

The meeting was opened to the public for comments on this grant application.

Mr. Volpe noted the Borough will also apply to Community Development for funds to build two handicapped bathrooms at Memorial Field; tonight the application being considered is for Open Space funding, he said.

Mayor DeRienzo explained this is a 50-50 grant for the building of a pavilion at Memorial Field.

Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Place asked the amount being applied for.

Mr. Volpe responded \$50,000 - \$25,000 from the grant and \$25,000 in matching funds from the Borough.

As there were no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$10,000 for the Northern Valley Region has been proposed by Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels for home delivered food to shut ins in the Northern Valley Region 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 the Northern Valley Regions, 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 Haworth 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.

Authorization of Submission of 2014 Open Space Grant – Memorial Park Pavilion

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Volpe and seconded by Mrs. Groh:

Enabling Resolution - 2014 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic
Preservation Trust Fund Grant
Borough of Haworth Memorial Park Pavilion

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$25,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Memorial Park Pavilion; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body has held a public hearing on November 5, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Township Council of the Borough of Haworth has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,

Authorization of Submission of 2014 Open Space Grant – Memorial Park Pavilion – cont'd.

4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Township Council of the Borough of Haworth agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On discussion, Mr. Poosikian noted that he, Mr. Volpe and Mr. Bain had been appointed as an ad hoc committee to determine which of two projects would be submitted which at first he said he thought the submission was for the new bathrooms, noting that the pavilion project as submitted is a cost to the Borough of \$25,000. He said nothing is being submitted now for the bathrooms.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Mr. Iacobino, Mrs. Groh, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Volpe, Mr. Bain. No – Mr. Poosikian. Declared carried.

Approval of Raffle Licenses

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Groh and unanimously carried:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the On Premise Merchandise and 50/50 Raffle Applications #RA-424 and #RA-425 of the Friends of the Library to be held at the Haworth Country Club on November 21st be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Refund of Hot Dog Cart Deposit

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mrs. Groh and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, the Haworth Democratic Club obtained a Hot Dog Cart Permit, numbered 2014-27, for the trick or treating event to be held on Maple Street, on Friday, October 31st; and

WHEREAS, a fee of \$25.00 for the permit was paid, which covers the cost to refill the propane tank; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Dog Cart was not working properly and the Haworth Democratic Club would like a refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the following refund be made:

Refund of Hot Dog Cart Deposit – cont'd.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Haworth Democratic Club	P. O. Box 91 Haworth, New Jersey 07641	\$25.00

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Sgt. Michael Saudino introduced the members of the PBA Negotiating Committee and all members of the Police Department present and explained the second meeting with the Council Negotiating Committee did not go well.

Mayor DeRienzo noted that only three members of the Council make up the Negotiating Committee and the other councilmembers are not aware of the content of the meetings.

Sgt. Saudino said that three years ago there was an amicable agreement, other police departments pay significantly more than Haworth, the PBA proposal now would be continuing the same terms as the prior contract, however for a term of five years. He explained the workings of a small department as Haworth where the officers all know how to handle all jobs and take an active role in the Department.

Sgt. Saudino noted the proposal given to the PBA is disheartening and compared salaries in other departments in the area. Salary guides from various Northern Valley departments were then distributed to the members of the Council.

Sgt. Saudino then explained the increased pension contributions and health insurance and they are only asking for the same contract they have had for the past three years.

Mr. A. Dickstein, Pine Street commented that the police officers have to be paid a decent salary, this Department is professional and courteous and he works with them in his capacity as a member of the Ambulance Corps. He said they do a very excellent job and need support and recognition.

Mr. T. Cusanelli, Schraalenburgh Road, thanked the Mayor and Mr. Iacobino for their years of service and that they always worked for the best interest of the town. He said the organizations he is involved in will work together with the new officials.

Mr. Cusanelli went on to say he would hate to think that members of the Police Department would be looking to join other departments in connection with the current negotiations and it is necessary to make sure this police force stays intact. He said as a member of the Ambulance Corps and the Police Auxiliary he works with them and they can handle everything.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mr. N. Nakashian, Brook Street discussed the negotiation process, noting all are concerned with costs, however, it is necessary to balance costs and services. He said the Police should be treated fairly and that they do a lot for the town.

Mrs. G. Pirnie, Harrison Street, noted problems with the new recycling rules and that prohibiting the collection of various plastic items is a problem.

Mayor DeRienzo referred to several changes in the marketing of recyclables.

Mrs. Groh explained the background in the recycling market and that the Green Sky firm was retained as they took more of the materials however, they have gone out of business, another firm had to be found and said that she will keep looking for companies that take more recycling materials.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was closed to public discussion.

Negotiations

Mayor DeRienzo said the Police Department is held in high regard by the citizens and the governing body.

Close Meeting to Public

The following motion was duly offered, seconded and carried at 8:15 PM:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth, as follows:

1. That the Governing Body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, shall exclude the public from the next portion of this meeting in order to discuss matters pertaining to negotiations.
2. That the items under discussion in the closed meeting will be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the matter.

Reopen Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:00 PM and as there was no further business to come before the Council adjourned on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator