

153. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on August 7, 2013 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

Councilmembers: Stephen Chval
Vincent Jacobino
Glenn Poosikian
Mary Anne Groh
Andrew Rosenberg
Anthony Volpe

Borough Attorney: Peter J. Scandariato

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 the 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 Star Ledger and 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 cost fixed by the Council.”

Presentation by Boswell Engineering – Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program

Mr. Kevin Boswell and Ms. Giselle Diaz of Boswell Engineering Company were present along with the Borough’s Engineer Gary Callahan.

Mr. Boswell explained the Boswell firm has been retained by the Bergen County Utilities Authority in connection with their Rain-Derived Infiltration and Inflow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Program. He said members of the firm go to host communities of the BCUA to help address illicit connections to the sanitary sewer system including roof drains and downspouts, sump pumps, damaged connections etc. which allow groundwater to leak into the sanitary sewer system. He noted they are in the data collection process at this time to eliminate 30% of the flow in the sewer system within the next ten years. The program has been mandated by the EPA.

Mr. Boswell explained the BCUA is providing the funding to identify residential properties with improper connections, etc., doing a cost benefit analysis and the BCUA will pay to undertake any remedial work, for instance to find out where to drain sump pumps, etc. instead of discharging into the sewer system; this phase now is the field work; they have done dry weather analysis by lifting drain covers and then when there were storms did this again. He said they have identified homes where there is a heavy flow. He further explained this is a fiduciary necessity to keep sewer bills under control.

Presentation by Boswell Engineering – Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program – cont'd.

Mr. Boswell said they expect to be in the Borough for approximately ten weeks to be in every house and will prepare a list of those residents who refused entry. He said they are awaiting authorization from the BCUA to begin and suggested this information be placed on the Borough's website with a notice also in the newspaper.

Mayor DeRienzo noted that every sewer line in the Borough has been Tv'd and repaired where needed; a public meeting will be scheduled to explain the program to residents; the Borough is being billed \$350,000 in sewer flow charges and will work with homeowners to correct situations they may have.

Ms. Diaz noted 500 homes have been identified with possible problems and they expect to start the work in September.

Mrs. Groh questioned if an illegal tie-in is discovered.

Mr. Boswell responded this is a completely volunteer situation, however, the Borough is already supposed to be enforcing illegal connections.

Mrs. Groh then asked if there would be permit charges to homeowners.

Mr. Boswell replied the BCUA is looking to pick up the cost, however, this has to be cost effective.

Mrs. Groh asked if the homeowner would have to pay part of the cost.

Mr. Boswell said that in connection with the BCUA paying, there will have to be a threshold.

Mayor DeRienzo commented the Borough is getting inflow from other than sump pumps, indicating there is a high water table in the town. He said the BCUA has to reduce the flow in connection with their capacity.

Mr. Boswell noted the BCUA has changed the way they bill the towns – the bill is now derived from the flow.

A discussion was held about looking at the commercial sites, schools, etc. and if the storm sewers could handle the extra flow and practical solutions will be looked at.

Mr. Boswell was thanked for his presentation and a short recess was called at 8:15 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:20 PM.

Ordinance No. 13-06 – Multi Purpose Ordinance

Discussion on this ordinance will be continued to the regular meeting next week.

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Arcari Iovino, Architects	Renovation Bidder Evaluation	All Council
D.L.S. Contracting	Road Improvement Construction Schedule	All Council Police DPW Ambulance

Extension of Grace Period – 3rd Quarter Tax Payment

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

WHEREAS, the tape with the certified tax rate for 2013 was received by the Tax Collector on July 19, 2013, and the software uploaded by Edmunds on July 22, 2013, making it necessary to send out tax bills for 3rd & 4th quarters of 2013 and 1st & 2nd quarters of 2014 on July 25, 2013;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66 et seq., the Tax Collector must allow at least 25 days from the date of mailing tax bills to the date of the first payment due, without interest being charged;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the extension of the grace period for tax payments for 3rd Quarter 2013 to August 19, 2013, and that notice of same has been included with every original tax bill mailed or delivered via electronic transmission.

Authorization to Enter Grant Agreement – 2012 Open Space – Basketball Courts

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth wish to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$12,970.00 grant award from the 2012 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the project entitled Memorial Field

Authorization to Enter Grant Agreement – 2012 Open Space – Basketball Courts – cont’d.

Basketball Court Improvements located in Block 1600, Lot 17 on the tax maps of the Borough of Haworth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement CONTRACT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to sign all County of Bergen Payment Vouchers submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognize that the Borough of Haworth is liable for a dollar for dollar match for any funds awarded in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements.

Refund of Hot Dog Cart Deposit

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

WHEREAS, Nunnbetter Dance Studio obtained a Hot Dog Cart Permit, numbered 2013-20, for an event to be held at Memorial Field on August 1st, 2013 and paid a fee of \$25.00 for the permit;

WHEREAS, Nunnbetter Dance Studio has decided they will not need the cart and would like a refund;

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nunnbetter Dance Studio	161 Woodbine Street, Unit B2 Bergenfield, NJ 07621	\$25.00

Refund of Escrow Deposits

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Chval, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, the following escrow accounts were established with deposits to offset expenses; and

Refund of Escrow Deposits – cont’d.

WHEREAS, the following amounts were expended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following refunds be made:

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>REFUNDED</u>
Up on the Roof 381 St. Nicholas Av.	Eng. Escrow (Bl.1408, L.2)	\$500.00	0	\$500.00
Glenn Album 509 Herkimer Av.	Escrow (vac. - Brook St.)	\$1,500 .	\$186.39	\$1,313.61
Timothy Angerame 266 Maple St.	Escrow (vac. - Elm Av.)	\$1,500.	\$199.11	\$1,300.89
Ardem Aslanian 33 Lake Shore Drive	Var. No. 645	\$200.00	\$183.29	\$16.71
Jody Berger 104 Maple St.	Var. No. 644	\$200.00	\$183.29	\$16.71
Karen Leddy 511 Contant Av.	Escrow (vac. - Brook St.)	\$1,000.	\$910.91	\$89.09

Lightning Detection System

It was concurred this matter will be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Mr. Brian Strum be appointed Alternate No. 2 to the Zoning Board for a one year unexpired term to December 31, 2013.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Colonna, West View Terrace, questioned the recent bidding on the library expansion, the criteria, the architect’s estimate of the cost of the project and the funds available.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mr. Scandariato responded there is always a criteria and noted the need to look at different elements of the bid.

Ms. Colonna commented this proposed project has been going on for a number of years and it appears the numbers are way off in connection with the funds available.

Mr. Scandariato said it would be assumed the Library Board feels they had the funds or the ability to obtain them.

Mrs. C. Schacht, Ivy Avenue, commented on the library bidding process and the way business is done.

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

2012 Audit Corrective Action Plan

Mr. Chval distributed copies of the plan to the council members to review and approve at the next meeting.

Other Matters

Mrs. Groh referred to a letter received from the NVRHS District principal and an editorial in The Record in connection with the proposed random drug testing at the high schools, noting this matter is ongoing.

Mrs. Groh referred to a memo from the Tax Assessor regarding the status of the Borough's tax appeals.

Mr. Scandariato explained the process.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC. CMC
Clerk-Administrator

