

132. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on June 28,
2016 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John W. Smart, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Michael Bain
Lawrence Weiss
Regina Duffy

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and upon roll call all members of the Council were present with the exception of Mr. Volpe who was out of town. The Mayor then read the following notice: “This is the Regular 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 cost fixed by the Council.”

Presentation to Thomas LaMorte – Winner of NJ Golf Association Amateur Championship

Mayor Smart noted he has watched the development and growth of Borough resident Mr. LaMorte and is proud of his success and accomplishments due from all his hard work.

Mayor Smart then presented a proclamation to Mr. LaMorte commending him upon winning this championship and recognizing him for his competitive spirit and dedication to excellence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Weiss

Environmental Commission

Mr. Weiss said the Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening.

Swim Club

Mr. Weiss reported he met at the Club with Mr. Ives and members of the club regarding several options including the purchase of new chairs, review of landscaping and some long term renovations; there are 300 families who have joined, 1114 members, 653 Haworth members and 461 out of town members which is in line with last year’s membership numbers., he said.

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Report of Councilman Weiss – cont'd.

Finance

Mr. Weiss noted the Finance Committee met to discuss Ms. Wheeler's recent notice of her resignation as the Borough's Chief Financial Officer.

Report of Councilman Bain

Library

Mr. Bain reported that at the last Board meeting the Director indicated that the building is in good shape and seeding of the lawn will take place after the Stevens Place project now underway is completed. He further reported the Board has accepted an Eagle Scout candidate's project for an outdoor reading area and children's reading events have been scheduled for the summer.

Recreation

Mr. Bain noted the Summer Program begins on July 5th; 34 campers have signed up and it is expected there will be more on the first day; two pool days a week are scheduled as well as other events and a lunch program is being provided by the Minit Mart and the Terrace Street Café for those who wish to partake with no involvement with Recreation.

Celebrate Haworth Day

Mr. Bain said this event is scheduled for September 10th with a rain date of September 11.

Concert at the Pond

Mr. Bain noted this event this past week-end was well attended and a permanent electrical supply at the pond area has been installed.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg referred to the last two monthly reports which indicated the following:

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Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont’d.

Police Department – cont’d.

Several traffic stops resulted in arrests for drug possession, officers are involved in various training sessions, a new incident reporting system is in effect and 101 summonses were issued in April and 115 in May.

Planning Board

This Board has not met.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rosenberg reported this Board heard two applications this month – one for an accessory building; this applicant will return with a revised plan. The other applicant was St. Gabriel’s Church who will also return next month for additional parking and increased capacity for the building.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 18 calls last month, 15 daytime, 101 miles, man hours on calls 98 and man hours duty nights 1092; activities included participation in the Suez Water Company’s 50th anniversary, standby during a working fire in Rockleigh, stand-by at the Haworth Flea Market and participation in the wreath laying at the Borough Hall on Memorial Day.

Shade Tree

Mr. Poosikian noted members of the Commission are checking various trees and forming a letter for a checklist to leave at residents’ homes regarding any tree issues.

Report of Councilwoman Duffy

Tennis

Mrs. Duffy noted the new benches for the courts have been ordered.

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Report of Councilwoman Duffy – cont'd.

Fire Department

Mrs. Duffy reported the Department received a thank you from the Hackensack Riverkeeper for the aid they provided at the recent Reservoir Challenge.

Seniors

Mrs. Duffy noted 55 seniors attended the recent luncheon at the Haworth Country Club, the largest number for the June meeting, talks are underway with the Club for Haworth seniors to use their dining facilities, the next meeting's program will be Identity and Computer Fraud sponsored by the Bank of New Jersey and this year saw a 20% increase in senior participation at these meetings.

Mayor's Report

Memorial Day

Mayor Smart noted that even though the parade was cancelled due to severe weather which was forecasted, a special ceremony was conducted at the Borough Hall that evening.

Senior Service Candidate

Mayor Smart explained a senior from the high school worked at the Borough Hall researching 70 different utility accounts discovering some unpaid bills from May 2014; this was a great effort by him and much appreciated, he said.

Chief Financial Officer

Mayor Smart referred to the recent resignation of Ms. Dawn Wheeler effective July 8th and that he is looking at options for the structure of the finance office, contacting those who have worked here in the past and there should be an interim CFO by the next meeting. He explained that Borough checks require three signatures - one being that of the CFO and that Ms. Wheeler will prepare the checks for the July 12th meeting and be authorized to sign those checks on an unpaid basis.

Mr. Poosikian said that in hiring a temporary person, he would suggest a Committee do so or the Finance Committee.

Mayor Smart responded, yes he will get input.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Regulations for Storage of Boats

Mayor Smart noted the Council held a discussion at the last meeting on these proposed regulations and the question has arisen whether to allow the storage of boats at all – permitted subject to terms or conditions or not at all.

Mr. Poosikian commented that the borough limits the parking of commercial vehicles and he had informal discussions with several residents who indicated they do not want any storage of boats.

Mrs. Duffy said it is easier to have no boats, clearer.

As to the present storage of boats, Mr. Regan said they could be grandfathered in regarding zoning regulations, however if under the trailer regulations, there is probably not that provision.

Mr. Rosenberg said he agreed with Mr. Poosikian and Mrs. Duffy, but the Borough could *consider permitting a boat if in transit within a limited period on an annual basis.*

Mr. Bain agreed to no boat storage, but yes if in transit.

Mr. Weiss commented that kayaks and other small boats stored in a garage would be permissible.

Mayor Smart said he liked the clarity of no boats in yards.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Raffle License

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Duffy. Seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Off-Premise, 50/50 #RA-441 Raffle Application of the Sacred Heart Church, drawing to be held at 102 Park Street, Haworth on September 25, 2016 be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Authorization to Advertise for Receipt of Bids – Generator

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – cont'd.

Authorization to Advertise for Receipt of Bids – Generator – cont'd.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Emergency Generator Installation provided from FEMA funds.

Authorization to Advertise for Receipt of Bids – Maple Street

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for improvements to Maple Street to be provided from funds from the Department of Transportation 2016 Municipal Aid Program.

Request for Insertion of Additional Revenue in Budget

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality which such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth is to receive the sum of \$ 155,500. in accordance with the provisions of the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid Program for Maple Street, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of additional revenue in the budget of the year 2016 in the sum of \$155,500., for the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid Program for Maple Street, which item is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$155,500.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the additional sum of \$155,500. is hereby appropriated as follows:

Request for Insertion of Additional Revenue in Budget – cont’d.

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operations - Excluded from Caps	
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	
State of New Jersey DOT Grant-Maple Street	
Other Expenses	\$155,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward two (2) certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for his/her approval.

Approval of 2016-2017 Liquor Licenses

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

WHEREAS, the following liquor licenses in the Borough of Haworth are due for renewal for the 2016-2017 year, and

WHEREAS, the applications submitted by the applicants are complete in all respects and the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local government ABC laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the applicants have disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed whether any additional financing was obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the renewal of the following licenses in the Borough of Haworth are approved:

Plenary Retail Consumption License to – Sailor Mutt Inc. 23 Hardenburgh Avenue Haworth, NJ 07641	0226-33-001-002	\$792.00
 Plenary Retail Distribution License to: Haworth Wine Shop LLC 155 Terrace Street Haworth, NJ 07641	 0226-44-004-009	 \$380.00

Refund of Escrow Deposits

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

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

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>
Jennifer Eby 591 McCulloch Place Haworth, NJ 07641 Bl. 600, L. 20	Var. 648	\$700.00	\$250.00	\$450.00
Joseph Panzella 256 Harrison Street Haworth, NJ 07641 Bl. 1605, L. 11 Mail to: 211 Owatonna Street	Eng. Escrow	\$350.00	\$192.50	\$157.50

Payment of Bills

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and unanimously carried:

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES
PAGES 140A – 140L

Approval of Minutes

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Executive Meeting of May 10, the Closed Meeting of May 10 and the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mr. N. Nakashian, member of the Ambulance Corps referred to methods of notification for the Ambulance Corps (pagers, 911 alert and horn) which has become an ongoing issue inasmuch that signals are not being sent out properly. He said he would like guidance from the Council on this issue.

Mayor Smart responded he had met with the supervisor at the Mahwah Dispatch facility who agreed the Mayor would be contacted if there were problems, however, he has not heard of any problems recently. He asked to be copied on the issues.

Mr. Nakashian responded he will notify him. He then noted a problem with the horn at the Ambulance Corps building and its activation is being checked.

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

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

