

295. Recessed Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on January 3, 2016 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John W. Smart, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Mary Anne Groh
Andrew Rosenberg
Anthony Volpe
Michael Bain
Lawrence Weiss

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Smart called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and upon roll call members of the 2015 council were present. The Mayor then read the following statement: "This is the Recessed 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."

Transfer of 2015 Current Fund Budget Appropriations

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

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2015 Current Fund Budget Appropriations:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Mayor & Council Public Information		
Other Expenses	256.00	
Mayor & Council		
Other Expenses	425.00	
Elections		
Other Expenses	336.00	

Transfer of 2015 Current Fund Budget Appropriations – cont'd.

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Financial Administration			
	Other Expenses	1,000.00	
Tax Assessment			
	Other Expenses		5,000.00
Revenue Administration			
	Salaries & Wages	1,140.00	
Planning Board			
	Other Expenses	1,000.00	
UFSC-Fire Prevention			
	Salaries & Wages		149.00
Police Department			
	Salaries & Wages		10,000.00
	Other Expenses		300.00
Police Dispatcher			
	Salaries & Wages		72.00
Prosecutor's Office			
	Salaries & Wages	290.00	
Construction Code Official			
	Other Expenses	3,170.00	
Group Insurance for Employees			
	Other Expenses		2,055.00
Streets & Roads			
	Salaries & Wages	7,000.00	
Snow Removal			
	Salaries & Wages	2,000.00	
Public Buildings & Grounds			
	Other Expenses	500.00	
DPW Vehicle Repair			
	Other Expenses	380.00	
Public Health Services			
	Salaries & Wages		93.00
	Other Expenses	700.00	
Parks & Playgrounds			
	Other Expenses	1,400.00	
Tennis Committee			
	Other Expenses	270.00	
Senior Citizens Committee			

Cancellation of Unexpended Swim Pool Utility Appropriations

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer has determined that excess funds are available in the Swim Pool Utility Fund 2015 appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, said excess budget appropriations that are canceled by resolution prior to the close of the fiscal year are added back to “fund balance” upon resolution adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the following unexpended appropriations totaling \$13,854.00 be cancelled of record:

Swim Pool Utility Fund

Salaries & Wages:	\$	4,000.00
Capital Outlay:		9,500.00
Statutory Expenses:		<u>354.00</u>
Total	\$	13,854.00

Cancellation of Emergency Shade Tree Commission Balance

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

WHEREAS, an emergency had arisen with respect to the removal of branches and trees from public property to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision was made in the 2015 Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and,

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency approved on October 13, 2015 should be reduced by the unspent balance of \$8,492.45, as follows:

Emergency Appropriation

Emergency Removal of Trees and Branches

Other Expenses (reduced by \$8,492.45), from \$10,000.00 to \$1,507.55

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation created, including the appropriation to be amended by this resolution, is \$1,507.55, and three percent (3%) of the total operating appropriations in the Budget for the year 2015 is \$188,364.;

Cancellation of Emergency Shade Tree Commission Balance – cont'd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, by not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46, the Emergency Appropriation adopted October 13, 2015 be amended and the same hereby made for;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said amended emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2016 budget; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Payment of Bills

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

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Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion. As there were no comments, the meeting was closed to public discussion.

Special Session

On the completion of Mrs. Groh's six year tenure on the Council, Mr. Weiss thanked her for her assistance and wished her good luck; Mr. Bain said he appreciated her dedication and the wonderful example she has been as a member of the Council; Mr. Rosenberg said it has been good working with her and thanked her for her service; Mr. Poosikian said she always had Haworth's interests at heart and thanked her for her service. Mr. Volpe requested his following comments be included in the record:

"Today is always a fun day. It's fun to reflect on the previous years' successes, fun to chart the coming year's challenges but it is also fun watching proud families at the swearing in of a loved one. This year as we celebrate the incoming of two great councilmembers I can't help but to also feel mixed emotions as we say congratulations and thank you to one of Haworth's most dedicated council members. I can personally tell you after working closely with Mary Anne these past four years that she is one of the most thorough and dedicated councilmembers Haworth has seen and she has served with a conviction and integrity for the betterment of Haworth residents. Mary Anne, congratulations and best of luck in your new career. The

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residents of Haworth thank you for your tireless efforts to make our town a better place and I personally want to thank you for your support, friendship and guidance while serving with you.”

Mr. Regan offered his thanks to Mrs. Groh and said she will be an asset to Washington Township and Ms. Fay extended her best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Groh.

Mayor Smart referred to recruiting candidates to serve and said he wanted people to make a difference, he served with Mrs. Groh on the Library Board where she was most helpful and on the Council where she made an impact with all her extra work.

Mrs. Groh thanked all for their good wishes, noting she has enjoyed working with all and proud of introducing Mr. Regan as Borough Attorney.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, a motion was offered by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mrs. Groh and unanimously carried to adjourn at 12:50 PM.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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