

113. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on May 24,
2016 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John W. Smart, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg (by speaker phone)
Anthony Volpe
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 (Mr. Rosenberg who was out of town participated by speaker phone.) The Mayor then read the following statement: “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.”

Ordinance No. 16-04 – 2016 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance-2nd Reading, Public Hearing

A motion was offered by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 16-04 be offered for second reading.

Ordinance No. 16-04 which is as follows was then read by title only as copies had been provided to those present:

Ordinance No. 16-04 – 2016 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance-2nd Reading, Public Hearing – cont’d.

The meeting was opened to the public on Ordinance No. 16-04.

Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Place said he wished this process had started sooner due to the need to purchase various equipment.

Mayor Smart replied that he agreed.

Mayor Smart noted that the passage of this ordinance will be held later in the meeting.

Announcement of Winner of the Future Municipal Leaders Competition

Mayor Smart explained this competition through the New Jersey League of Municipalities is named in honor of Louis Bay, Hawthorne mayor for 40 years, member of the State League for 20 years for a total of 60 years of public service, contest entrants were required to write an essay on “What My Municipal Government Does Best”; a judging panel was chosen consisting of Mrs. Duffy, Ms. Montessano, Haworth School superintendent and Mr. Marks, Library Director who selected high school senior Brian Holden as winner of the contest, one of three state-wide winners.

A presentation was made to Mr. Holden who then read his winning essay as follows:

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Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Bergen County Exec.	Invitation to Participate in Equipment & Vehicle Auction	Police Dept. Fire Dept. DPW
Ms. C. Routel	Expressing Gratitude to Haworth Fire-Fighter Harrison Brace for his Assistance	All Council Mr. & Mrs. Brace

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Weiss

Environmental

Mr. Weiss reported that he and the chairman of the Environmental Commission, Mr. Zagelmeyer attended the recent Bergen County Environmental Conference; the program included attaining Sustainable Jersey Certification, the Sustainable Jersey Program and forming a Green Team and what steps need to be taken. He said the Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening to discuss these matters.

Swim Club

Mr. Weiss reported the students from the Senior Service program at Northern Valley Regional High School along with the manager, Mr. Ives are readying the club, the pools have been filled and consideration is being given to the placement of soft gravel in the area surrounding the pools. The pool will be opening for the season at the end of school and part time hours prior to that time are being considered, he said.

Mrs. Duffy questioned supervision of the students while they are working at the pool.

Mr. Weiss responded Mr. Ives is back and forth checking on them and they are not doing any work which would cause a safety situation.

Mrs. Duffy asked what would happen if there were to be an emergency.

Mr. Poosikian responded that one of the seniors working at the pool is a firefighter.

Mr. Weiss noted there will be a volunteer day for planting, etc. at the pool.

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Report of Councilman Bain

Library

Mr. Bain reported notice has been given regarding the resignation of the Children's Librarian and Denise Lester, a present employee will be the interim Children's Librarian; the Library has been hosting the Coffee House; the Bergen County Surrogate recently spoke on estate planning and the summer reading program will start on June 18th.

Recreation

Mr. Bain explained the plans for the upcoming Memorial Day with a 10:15 AM start of the parade, services at 11:00 AM and picnic at the pond area.

Mr. Bain said the Summer Camp plans are underway, interviews are being scheduled with the counselors and the Music and Arts Committee will be holding an event on June 12th at the pond.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning and Zoning Boards

Mr. Rosenberg reported these Boards did not meet.

Police

This report will be on the June agenda.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 19 calls last month, 14 daytime, 219 miles, 77 man hours on calls and 1092 man hours duty nights and performed standby for the Dumont Fire Department during a working fire.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Poosikian reported the Winter Tree Program was completed this past week.

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Report of Councilman Volpe

Parks and Playgrounds

Mr. Volpe reported the sign project at the railroad has started; the bathrooms cleaned at Memorial Field; field treatments are underway and Haworth will be the hosting town for a baseball tournament this coming week-end.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Volpe noted that members of the Department assisted at the recent Flea Market and Fishing Contest, they are cleaning the pond area and readying the town for the Memorial Day activities where they will assist with the picnic.

Mr. Volpe further noted members assisted the Bergen County Animal Control regarding an injured great horned owl; the sprinkler systems are all working and they removed a downed tree in the stream at Contant Avenue.

Mr. Volpe noted the annual Recycling Tonnage Report has been completed. Also, the Department will be planting at the entrance to the Swim Club; the Borough's sewer maps have been reproduced and the information digitized; stumps and logs at the yard are being removed; and one member of the Department is going to school to obtain a pesticide license.

Mr. Poosikian asked about the opening of the bathrooms at Memorial Field.

Mr. Volpe replied that Baseball has been handling this and combination locks are being considered.

Report of Councilwoman Duffy

Seniors

Mrs. Duffy reported the 4th graders from the Haworth School sang at the last meeting and read information regarding American history and the June meeting with a barbecue will be held at the Haworth Country Club.

Tennis

Mrs. Duffy reported the courts are open and thanked the DPW for their assistance.

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Report of Councilwoman Duffy – cont'd.

Board of Health

Mrs. Duffy noted a speaker was at the last Board meeting in connection with information on the Zika virus.

Fire Department

Mrs. Duffy reported the following: the Department responded to 18 calls last month for total calls for 2016, 63; total man hours 213 and total man hours year to date, 973. The Department drilled at 232 Schraalenburgh Road, participated in an Interboro Mutual aid drill and drilled at the Bergen County Fire Academy. The ladder truck was involved in an accident – there was only minor damage, no injuries and the truck is usable.

Mayor's Report

Events

Mayor Smart noted an Arbor Day celebration was held at the school where the DPW and members of the Shade Tree Commission assisted and the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders presented posters.

The recent Clean-Up Day was successful with 17 bags of trash collected, the Mayor noted.

Storm Water Policies

Mayor Smart reported the State DEP revises its storm water policies every five years, the information is on their website and a draft of the new requirements is being prepared.

CSX

Mayor Smart noted that CSX has agreed that the tunnels under the tracks need work, particularly the tunnel coming from Park Street which they felt was dangerous with water freezing through the roof, their proposal would be to push a box through the tunnel for safety, asking what the Borough's contribution for this work would be, however, if this shrinking would result in limited use of the tunnel that could be a problem.

Memorial Day

Mayor Smart noted that former Mayor John Johl will be the keynote speaker at this event.

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Webmaster

Mayor Smart explained that the ten week project assigned to the webmaster is now over with the site being substantially cleaned up, there is a page by page ownership, a weekly e-mail process has been set up and a protocol is being developed to review the site's content.

Senior Service

Mayor Smart noted a student from the high school is looking at the Borough's utility bills for any missed payments and how to resolve this situation.

Lawn Signs

Mayor Smart noted some signs supporting the teachers at the Haworth School have been placed in various locations in town in connection with them having been without a contract since June 2015 with the 2% cap imposing limits, there are difficult decisions to be made and they have brought in a mediator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Duffy noted a Flag Day ceremony has been scheduled for June 14th at Memorial Field from 7 – 8PM sponsored by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts with the Police Department, Ambulance Corps and Fire Department invited at which time old flags will be burned.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – “Chief for the Day”

Mayor Smart explained this event is sponsored by the Bergen County Sheriff's Office for a child with challenges, the “Chief for the Day” will be sworn in on June 3rd at which time a private tour of the Sheriff's office will be conducted. He then read a proclamation honoring Brennon McGoldrick as “Chief for the Day”.

Appointment to Library Board

Mayor Smart explained Ms. Sutera, treasurer of the Board has resigned due to her moving out of town and he is appointing Mr. Christopher Stratton to the Library Board for a four year unexpired term to December 31, 2019.

Ordinance No. 16-04 – 2016 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance

Noting the public hearing on this ordinance had been held earlier in the meeting, a motion was offered by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Bain that Ordinance No. 16-04 be passed on second and final reading.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Volpe, Bain, Weiss, Duffy. Nays – none. Declared carried.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Volpe and unanimously carried that the passage of Ordinance No. 16-04 be advertised as required by law.

Defer Acquisition of Vehicle for the Police Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council hereby approve to defer the acquisition of a vehicle for the Police Department included in the 2016 Multi-Purpose Ordinance.

On discussion, Mayor Smart noted a request from Mr. Rosenberg to add “for the purpose of determining which vehicle will be purchased”.

Mr. Poosikian said that would result in committing the Borough to the purchase of the vehicle.

Mr. Weiss said the purpose of the amendment is the type of vehicle, acknowledging the request and deciding on which vehicle.

Mr. Volpe said there has not been a good proof for the need of that vehicle; he has spoken with mayors from other towns as how they use these vehicles and what type they have and he is not in favor of not knowing what type of vehicle is being proposed.

Mr. Weiss responded the Police have demonstrated a need for a multi-purpose vehicle and noted the various vehicles being discussed.

Mr. Rosenberg said there is further discussion of the type.

Mr. Bain said the purchase of the vehicle still has to come to a vote of the Council and suggested seeing the overall fleet structure.

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Bain to amend the motion to add “for the purpose of determining which vehicle will be purchased.”

Defer Acquisition of Vehicle for the Police Department

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Rosenberg, Bain, Weiss. Nays – Messrs. Poosikian, Volpe, Duffy. Mayor Smart voted no to break the tie.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mr. Volpe to add “if and when a vehicle will be acquired.”

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Volpe, Duffy. Nays – Messrs. Rosenberg, Bain, Weiss. Mayor Smart voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried.

The resolution now reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council hereby approve to defer the acquisition of a vehicle for the Police Department included in the 2016 Multi-Purpose Ordinance for the purpose of determining if and when a vehicle will be acquired.

Authorizing the Haworth Seniors Checking Account as Borough Account

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Haworth Seniors checking account will be under the umbrella of the Borough of Haworth.

On discussion Mayor Smart explained several accounting methods for the senior dues were discussed which resulted in a complicated and expensive method to administer, thus it was concurred to have the account under Borough control.

On voice vote all members voted in the affirmative. Declared carried.

Award of 2016 Road Improvement Contract

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale acting as “Lead Agency” for the Riverside Cooperative received bids for the 2016 Road Resurfacing Program on April 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Schifano Construction Corp., 1 Smalley Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846 in the total amount of \$2,278,063.11 has been determined to be the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Borough of Haworth’s portion of this contract is \$222,704.75 for the resurfacing of Whitman Street (Hoover Way to Prospect Avenue), Hendrickson Street (Valley Road to Intersection), Harland Avenue (Brook Street to

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160' East), Stevens Place (Haworth Avenue to terminus), Seneca Trace (Terminus to terminus), Myrtle Street (Seam north of Harland Avenue to Contant Avenue), Pine Lane (intersection of Pleasant Lane), Morris Avenue (Intersection of Whitman Street), Anstatt Way (Terminus to terminus), Contant Avenue (Myrtle Street to terminus); and

WHEREAS, there will be a reimbursement to the Borough of Haworth by Suez Water of approximately \$40,000.00 for the Contant Avenue portion, reducing the contract amount to \$182,704.75; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified to by the Finance Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Borough's share of the 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Resurfacing Program in the amount of \$222,704.75 be and is hereby awarded to Schifano Construction Corp., 1 Smalley Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract in the form prepared by the Borough Attorney.

On roll call the vote was follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Volpe, Bain, Weiss, Duffy. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills

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

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Bain and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive meeting of April 12, the regular meeting of April 26, the closed meeting of April 12 and the closed meeting of April 26, 2016. Mr. Rosenberg abstained from voting on the April 12 minutes as he was not present and Mr. Weiss abstained from voting on the April 26 minutes as he was not present.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

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Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Place noted that Mr. Kelly was a great help with the opening of the tennis courts this season.

Mrs. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Avenue, questioned if the fertilizers and pesticides the Borough uses are more natural.

Mr. Volpe responded they have a low impact.

Mrs. Borghi noted property owners should be aware of less harmful fertilizers, particularly in connection with the Borough's closeness to the reservoir.

Mr. Volpe replied this is part of the education process for better practices in using these materials.

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 9:10 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

