

135. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on
September 8, 2020 via Zoom Meeting

Present: Hon. Thomas P. Ference, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Michael Bain
Jacqueline Guenego
Dina Siciliano
Heather Wasser

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Ference called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 cost fixed by the Council."

Salute to Flag

Mayor Ference led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Ordinance No. 20-11 – 2020 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried that Ordinance No 20-11 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 20-11 was then read by title only as follows

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,048,600 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Ms. Guenego that Ordinance No. 20-11 be passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 20-11 – 2020 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser. Nays – none. Declared carried.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 20-11 be advertised as required by law and a date set for hearing thereon on September 22, 2020 at 7:30 PM by zoom meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

Appointment to Planning Board

Mayor Ference appointed Ms. Stephanie Mitra, presently an alternate member as a regular member of the Planning Board to replace Mr. Kronfeld who has resigned, to an unexpired term to December 31, 2020.

Leaf Site at DPW

Mr. Bain explained this situation and the potential for the purchase of a machine to dispose of the leaves at this site noting there is an issue of what to do with the leaves and another option is to rent a machine and grind them ourselves at a cost between \$60,000 and \$100,000. He further explained the Borough could sell the grindings at a profit. He said he was hesitant to purchase the equipment, noting there is in the multi-purpose ordinance the down payment for such a purchase, said we should not rush into the equipment purchase, noted the other options and the question of man power, etc. with the machine.

Further discussion included, cost, environmental concerns at the site and mulch being made available to residents

Mr. Poosikian added that discussions have been held with this committee and the superintendent and foreman of the department, described the former leaf collection process and recommended a three step approach, going to bid for the process of flipping and removing the leaves and if no bids were received have someone come in and run the site and grind down the leaves or buy a new machine.

Further discussion included costs and what the Borough could get back by selling the product.

Mr. Poosikian suggested approving the three step process – going out to bid with no one bringing in outside material to the site.

Mayor Ference commented on going out to bid or a rental contract or an expenditure in the future for the equipment.

Leaf Site at DPW – cont'd.

Mr. Simkins, present in the audience said he felt as a test year this would be best for someone to come in to the yard or to rent a machine.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mr. Bain for Mr. Regan to prepare the bid documents, if no bidders respond then go directly to renting a machine and for next year renting a machine with an option to purchase a unit through the capital budget.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser. Nays – none. Declared carried.

9-11 Ceremony

Mr. Poosikian said there will be a 9-11 Ceremony this Friday at 7PM at the firehouse which may be able to be broadcasted, masks and social distancing will be required.

Swim Club

Ms. Siciliano noted this has been a very successful season, thanked Mr. Ives, the pool manager for his leadership and thanked his staff. Mayor Ference thanked Ms. Siciliano for all her efforts this summer at the pool.

Suez

Mrs. Wasser referred to Suez losing their power during the last storm.

Mr. Poosikian explained that they have a significant generator system at the site which is being upgraded.

Mayor Ference commented the water pressure situation only lasted for a few hours and there were no problems with the water.

Senior Van

Mayor Ference explained the van is in very poor shape and service has been suspended for this past week; options are being looked at, we are waiting to hear from NJ Transit regarding our application for a new van and have been informed a van can be borrowed from Bergen County with a Shared Service Agreement.

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

Senior Van – cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.* permits local units to enter into agreements for shared services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has offered to the Borough the use of a senior van; and

WHEREAS, two Agreements have been prepared by the County, one of which refers to County-owned emergency and non-emergency equipment, and the second referring to vehicle maintenance and repairs on an as needed basis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Thomas Ference and Borough Clerk/Administrator Ann E. Fay be and are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Agreements on behalf of the Borough.

Haworth School

Mayor Ference noted the school has opened and noted the great work Chief Gracey and Ms. Siciliano have done in this connection and thanked them both.

Alternate Plan for Haworth Day at Memorial Field

Mr. Bain questioned if we should proceed with this event.

Ms. Siciliano commented she had a concern with the flow of traffic although people would appreciate such an event.

Mr. Rosenberg said he agreed with Ms. Siciliano in support of the event.

Ms. Guenego said she did not agree with holding this event in connection with relying heavily on volunteers to police the area which would be a difficult position for them, the event seems to be vendor oriented and the primary goal now is to keep the schools open.

Mr. Poosikian said he would say no also particularly with a gathering where people would hang out, tasking volunteers with enforcing rules and these types of gatherings should be avoided.

Mrs. Wasser said no, as this would not be a family event.

Mr. Bain noted the issue of school safety which having the schools stay open is more important and he will bring back these comments to the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Ference said he agreed with Ms. Guenego that this event would be more like a flea market and perhaps something could be held in the spring.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mrs. Wasser. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego, Wasser. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County for 2021 Health Services

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Service Agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services for 2021 in the same amount as 2020 of \$12,144.13 which includes Public Health Officer Services, Communicable Disease Reportable Surveillance System, School Immunization Auditing, Animal Bite Exposures and Follow Up, Nursing Oversight Supervision, Health Promotion/Health Education and Animal Control Services.

Refund of Swim Club Membership Fee

WHEREAS, Cheryl and Matthew Lamberta purchased a household membership for the Haworth Swim Club for the 2020 Season;

WHEREAS, the Lambertas did not utilize the privileges of the pass due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, The Lambertas have requested a reimbursement of dues paid;

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

Cheryl and Matthew Lamberta
104 Myrtle Street, Haworth
\$660.00 for Resident Household Membership

Approval for Phoenix Aquatic Club to Continue Use at Swim Club

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Aquatic Club (Phoenix) used the Haworth Swim Club Facility during re-opening hours for training purposes,

WHEREAS, Phoenix has requested to continue to use the facility through the month of September, when the pool will be officially closed to members for the season;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council approve the continued use of the Haworth Swim Club by Phoenix within the following parameters:

Approval for Phoenix Aquatic Club to Continue Use at Swim Club – cont'd.

Monday - Saturday, September 8th - September 30th
Monday-Friday: 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings: 7:00AM-8:00 AM

Only the back lap pool will be in use. A HSC staff member will be on-premises to handle the maintenance of the competition pool, opening and closing, water treatment and cleaning the bathrooms. Phoenix will be paying for the staff salary, included in their fee.

Fee: \$5,000.00

Approval of Additional Payment for Review of Sewer Flow Charges

WHEREAS, a review of the Borough's annual sewer flow charges has been undertaken By Mr. Paul Malmrose; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malmrose has indicated the finalization of this report goes beyond the scope of the original agreement with the Borough and has requested an additional payment of \$2500 to complete this process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council hereby approve a payment to Mr. Paul Malmrose in the amount of \$2500.00 in order to complete the review of the Borough's sewer flow charges.

Payment of Bills

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SEE PERMANENT MINUTES
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Approval of Minutes

Executive Meeting of August 11, 2020
Closed Meeting of August 11, 2020

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Dr. M. Kahn, Paulson Pl. said the agenda for tonight's meeting is not on the website. Ms. Fay responded it was on last week, however there were some additions late today.

Dr. Kahn then said he had trouble getting onto the zoom meeting on August 11th.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Dr. Kahn questioned the bond ordinance introduced earlier this evening.

Mr. Bain explained the capital budget process, the issuing of BANS and then a full bond.

Mayor Ference explained the multi-life period and the paying off of the bonds and the difference of the operating budget and the capital budget.

Ms. C. Luby, Jefferson Av. Asked if consideration has been given to ping pong tables at the parks like are at the Swim Club.

Ms. Guenego responded it has not been raised but she could bring it up at a committee meeting.

Dr. Kahn then asked about a solar program for municipal buildings.

Mayor Ference replied the DPW yard is not suitable, however the town is reaching out to vendors, working on the matter steadily with the borough engineer and council members.

Dr. Kahn replied the borough could buy the systems and the panels would pay for themselves.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered at 8:40 PM by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B* permits a public body to exclude the public from the portion of a meeting at which certain items are discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it necessary to conduct a closed session and to exclude the public on September 8, 2020 at which time the following item will be discussed:

Personnel Matter

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council does hereby exclude the public from the portion of the meeting at which time the above item will be discussed; and

Close Meeting to Public – cont'd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public upon completion or conclusion of the foregoing item and when determined by the Governing Body that the Borough's interests will not be adversely affected.

Reopen Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:45PM.

Additional Compensation for Haworth Swim Club Manager

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano and seconded by Ms. Guenego to authorize a 2% bonus to Mr. Mike Ives, Haworth Swim Club Manager in recognition of his extensive efforts during challenging times during the past few months.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Energy Audit

Mrs. Wasser referred to the status of an energy audit for utilities for the past 14 months. It was concurred to ask the CFO the best way to gather these bills.

As there was no further business to come before the council a motion was offered at 8:50 PM by Mr. Bain, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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