

174. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on October
11, 2022 via Zoom

Present: Hon. Jacqueline Guenego, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Michael Bain
Dina Siciliano
Heather Wasser
Lisa Dhamija

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Guenego 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 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 Guenego led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continuation of Discussion – Tree Lighting Request

Mayor Guenego explained that at the last meeting when this request was discussed, Mr. Bain was asked to determine from the CFO if there were funds available in the Terrace Street Park grant for the purchase of a live tree.

Mr. Bain responded there is \$1,000 remaining in this grant and Mr. Poosikian said Mr. Simkins has said a 12-foot tree would be \$600.

Discussion was held as to the location of the tree in the Terrace Street Park including near the pergola, lighting, etc.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mrs. Wasser to approve the purchase of a tree for the holidays in the Terrace Street Park, funded through the Terrace Street Park grant, not to exceed \$1,000.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Requests to Display Creche and Menorah

These requests having been received for the upcoming holiday season, Ms. Siciliano referred to a situation at the library last year in connection with this event after the placement of the menorah and suggested the council vote only on the placement of the creche and menorah and then the menorah event can be dealt with the library who have a policy in place regarding the serving of alcohol.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to approve the placing of the creche and menorah on the front lawn of the borough hall.

Traffic Situations in the Borough

Mr. Rosenberg referred to various issues with traffic discussed at the last meeting, he has spoken to Chief Gracey who has talked to Bergen County, particularly with trees needing trimming on Haworth Avenue and Valley Road and some dangerous intersections at county roads.

The discussion of the intersections included additional stop signs at certain intersections including Maple Street and Haworth Avenue, moving the “No Parking Signs” at St. Nicholas Avenue and Park Street down further from that corner and for Houston Place, several additional signs have been ordered and sidewalks discussed in that area.

Generator Problem

Mrs. Wasser reported there was a power surge at the ambulance corps building during the recent storm, the generator went out, the doors had to be operated by hand and she will be receiving a written report from Mr. Reithmayr, noting there have been problems in the past with this generator.

Mr. C. Simkins referred to generator maintenance contracts at various borough locations and he will look into this situation at the ambulance corps when he reviews his maintenance contract to possibly adding the ambulance corps to the DPW contract.

Further discussion involved shelters in town and personnel available to man them during disasters.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Poosikian to approve the following consent agenda. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Siciliano, Wasser, Dhamija. Declared carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Payment of Bills

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Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of September 27, 2022
Closed Meeting of September 27, 2022

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Av., thanked Mr. Rosenberg in connection with his information concerning the corner of St. Nicholas Av. and Park Street. She then noted the corn stalks will be placed downtown shortly and she will be talking with Mrs. Dhamija regarding the seniors being able to get together soon.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg 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 October 11, 2022 at which time the following items will be discussed:

Personnel- Land Use Board Issue
Massachusetts Avenue Tract

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 items will be discussed; and

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

Reopen Meeting to the Public

Zoning Board Resolution

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Bain to revise the Simon Resolution, 466 Sylvan Place granted by the Zoning Board dated August 3, 2021 to eliminate the language requiring permeable pavers and to waive the Zoning Board filing fee.

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

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the council, a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:15 PM and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

