

13. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on January 14, 2020 at the Municipal Center

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 7:30 PM and upon roll call all members of the Council were present. The Mayor then read the following notice: "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 notices to all persons who requested same and prepaid the same."

Salute to Flag

Mayor Ference led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Andrew Rosenberg

Mr. Regan administered the oath of office to Mr. Rosenberg being sworn to his fourth term on the council.

Mr. Rosenberg said it was very nice to have the support of all and that this council is one of the best groups the Borough has had.

OTHER MATTERS

Revision of 2020 Swim Club Membership Fees

Ms. Siciliano distributed information to the council with updated rates for further discussion at the January 28th meeting noting there are now additional membership levels and no increases in fees.

Downtown Completion of Improvements

Ms. Guenego explained a celebration is being planned for this renovation which will also include the renovation of the Terrace Street Park; her committee has met with Ms. Borghi and

OTHER MATTERS – cont’d.

Downtown Completion of Improvements – cont’d.

Mr. Celotto of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee to plan a ribbon cutting at the park on May 30th from 1 to 3 PM which will include a band, light activities, a picnic in the park and working with the restaurants in town regarding food.

Mrs. Wasser said the Tennis Committee has asked for a table at the event to explain the events they have.

Ms. Guenego noted there will be no shutting down of the area for this event.

Amendment of Construction Permit Fees

Mayor Ference explained these fees have not been changed in a long time, are well below those of other towns and as this is a work in progress it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Appointment to Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian noted it is the unanimous recommendation of the DPW Committee and the Superintendent that Charles Hennion now a seasonal employee be named a full time member of the Department.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the governing body hereby approves the appointment of Charles Hennion as a full time employee of the Department of Public Works effective January 16, 2020 subject to his successful completion of all required examinations.

Approval of Step Increases for Department of Public Works Employees

Mr. Poosikian explained the Superintendent has completed an evaluation of all members of the department and he is recommending four members move to the next step.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body hereby approves the following annual advancements effective January 1, 2020 for the following Department of Public Works employees:

Kurt Simkins	Step 6
Robert O’Brien	Step 3

OTHER MATTERS – cont’d.

Approval of Step Increases for Department of Public Works Employees – cont’d.

Thomas Runge	Step 2
Raymond Dembski	Step 2

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

Retiring School Crossing Guard

Mr. Rosenberg reported that Mr. Kenneth Florio is retiring after 15 years, noted he has been one of the town’s best guards and thanks and good wishes are conveyed to him.

Appointment to Tennis Committee

A motion was offered by Mrs. Wasser, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Terri Shea be appointed to the Tennis Committee.

Open Space Grant

Mayor Ference explained a grant received for certain improvements at the Duck Pond is being transferred to improvements at the Terrace Street Park by permission from Bergen County Open Space and a public hearing will be held as required at the next meeting on January 28th,

Odor at Lake Shore Drive

Mayor Ference reported the BCUA has been on the site frequently and is also working with the Borough of Closter on this situation, it is a BCUA issue and Haworth is getting a good response from them.

Appointment to Recreation Commission

Mayor Ference appointed Daphne Limmer Saperstein to a 4-year unexpired term to 12-31-23 and Cindy Altimis-Erfurt as members of the Recreation Commission.

Appointment to Environmental Commission

Mayor Ference appointed Mr. Bruce Steinthal to a three year term as a member of the Environmental Commission to December 31, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Ms. Siciliano to approve the following consent agenda. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Authorization to Sign Risk Manager Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the 2020 Risk Manager Consultant Agreement.

Support for Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief s Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14- 156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Haworth Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief s Association.

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Police Department of the Borough of Haworth, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

Mutual Aid Agreement – Interboro Fire Departments

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities, its Fire Departments and respective Fire Companies have entered into a mutual aid and assistance program pursuant to and required by law as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:7A-2.2; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is and shall be by and between the following Municipalities, Fire Departments and Fire Companies and the parties who agree to be bound thereby:

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| Alpine | Dumont | Norwood |
| Bergenfield | Harrington Park | Old Tappan |
| Closter | Haworth | Rockleigh |
| Cresskill | New Milford | Tenafly |
| Demarest | Northvale | |

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth wishes to continue to participate in said program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that they hereby affirm their intent to continue as participants in the Interboro Mutual Aid Group Agreement, the details of which are in the possession of the respective Fire Chiefs of the Fire Departments included in the Interboro Mutual Aid and as detailed by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and Council of the aforementioned municipalities.

Refund of Driveway Permit Deposit

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has inspected and found that work has been satisfactorily completed on the following Driveway,

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

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

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>PERMIT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
William Zwernemann	1406	\$100.00	211 Haworth Avenue

Provide Rates of Compensation for Outside Employment – Off Duty Law Enforcement Officers

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-11, Section 2-30.11 d provides that an annual resolution be adopted to establish the rates of compensation for outside employment of off-duty law enforcement officers and administrative fees; and

WHEREAS, the vendor is responsible to pay a minimum of four hours at the established rate of compensation plus administrative and vehicle fees regardless if the job takes less than four hours; and

WHEREAS, a vendor cancelling a requested job must provide notification to the Haworth Police Department of at least one hour; otherwise such vendor shall be responsible to pay a four hour minimum at the established rate of compensation, plus administrative and vehicle fees. In all cases officers are paid at their established rate of overtime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that rates of compensation to the Borough of Haworth from the vendor for outside employment of off-duty law enforcement officers and administrative fees for the year 2020 are as follows:

Law Enforcement Officers	\$110.00 per hour
Administrative Fee	Ten percent (10%)
Vehicle Fee	Fifteen percent (15%)

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mrs. D. Anderson, Hardenburgh Avenue thanked the mayor and council for providing the work on the storm drainage easement on her property, said the contractor was excellent and also thanked Mr. Simkins for his assistance with this project.

Dr. M. Kahn, Paulson Pl., referred to a list of solar contractors he had sent to the council.

Mr. Poosikian responded he has reached out to them, he has to talk to the budget committee regarding the cost of solar on municipal buildings and they would see if it would be possible to do it on one building this year.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Dr. Kahn questioned what costs.

Mr. Poosikian responded that there are engineering costs and there would be an initial outlay for the borough even with grants.

Dr. Kahn asked about LED lights for street lights.

Mayor Ference responded that the new street lights in the downtown area are LED's and Mr. Simkins, present in the audience said all are being replaced with LED's when needed and the utility companies make the decision on that.

Dr. Kahn then asked about the Swim Club.

Ms. Siciliano responded she attempted to meet at the club with PSE&G on December 9th but they were a no show. She said she took pictures of all the meters at the swim club and raquet club, she is maintaining her conversations with the utility and has a new contact there.

Dr. Kahn asked about solar power for the town.

Mayor Ference responded he has started conversations with the school and has also spoken to landscapers regarding gas blowers, costs for electric ones, etc. and they are interested in talking about it.

Dr. Kahn then asked about a survey sent out regarding solar power in residences in town.

Mayor Ference said they were sent out and five have come back.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered at 7:35 pm by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Ms. Guenego 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 January 14, 2020 at which time the following items will be discussed:

Mulch Site at DPW

White Beeches Tax Appeal

Close Meeting to Public

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.

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 Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:35 PM and as there was no further business to come before the council a motion was duly offered, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator