

39. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on February 10, 2015 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 8:00 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 notice to all persons who requested same and prepaid the same."

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Atlantic Coast Fibers	December Recycling Check - \$495.70	Mrs. Groh Finance

Mrs. Groh noted that checks have been received also for October and November 2014.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mr. E. Hoffman, owner of Arnie Fence said that last August he had been asked to build an enclosure for a dumpster at the Swim Club parking lot, he suggested a cement pad for the dumpster to be placed on, received a purchase order from the Borough and ordered the necessary material. He said he was then told to delay the cement pad work as some changes were being made. Since this has being ongoing since last August he said he would like to be reimbursed for the \$1200 he spent for materials and would appreciate a date for when he can install the enclosure.

Mayor Smart responded that Mr. Weiss has been reviewing this matter.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mr. Weiss noted that in speaking with other councilmembers it has been agreed to pay for this job in full when the weather improves so that the installation can take place and that Mr. Hoffman will be sent photographs of changes which have been suggested for the project.

Mr. F. Yee, Wheeler Place, noted he recently experienced a very frightening missing persons case in his home, dialed 9-1-1, the police officers responding acted professionally and many towns responded. He said quality, discipline and morale are vital for police departments which should be considered during salary negotiations and the Council should think carefully where funding for services is provided.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked Mr. Yee for attending the meeting and said the Council is taking many factors into consideration in connection with the ongoing negotiations.

The meeting was then closed to public discussion at this time.

2015 Municipal Budget Requests – Presentations by Department Heads

SWIM CLUB – MR. MIKE IVES

Mr. Ives, Pool Manager said this year's budget is similar to last year's, they anticipate growth in the coming year – there were 346 family memberships last year. He said as to staffing they had to increase the number of life guards due to more members.

Further discussion included early opening for lap swimmers, the pool is run solely on membership, the DPW assists with caring for the grounds, a cleaning service came in last year once a week which was a positive change. Also, multiple quotes will be sought for the pool opening, painting and closing, the purchase of a new pool vacuum is being considered and bids will be advertised for the operation of the snack shack.

Needed tree work was discussed - \$3,975 for tree trimming inside the fence, \$10,550 for all the work and the removal of trees in the parking lot to be included in the Winter Tree Program.

The Club's Capital Budget was noted, particularly the expansion of the deck with a larger pad at the back pool.

MUNICIPAL COURT – MS. JANET GALLAGHER

Ms. Gallagher, Court Administrator explained the court capital budget requests noting a State directive regarding court security, explained what has already been installed; further requirements include locked light switches in the court room, a bullet resistant shield under the court office counter and outside signage for the court.

2015 Municipal Budget Requests – Presentations by Department Heads – cont'd.

MUNICIPAL COURT – MS. JANET GALLAGHER – cont'd.

Further discussion included upgraded computer hardware, interlocking chairs for the court room, walk thru security and court revenue.

Payment of Bills

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Groh and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg:

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST  
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES  
PAGES 43A – 43D

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

Consideration of Smoking Ban in Public Places

Mr. Weiss distributed information from the Board of Health in connection with banning smoking in parks and public places and recommended the Council proceed with an ordinance regulating the matter. This will be considered for introduction in March.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF ROBERT HENNION

Capital Budget

Chief Hennion explained the Department is converting to newer turn-out gear which would be compliant with all regulations, described the requirement and replacement of protective equipment, bail out packs and pass alarm devices.

The Chief further explained replacing the 2004 command vehicle in future years, possibly in 2016, noted problems with the fire house bay doors in the older section of the building which are not insulated well resulting in high heating bills and a safety issue which would be remedied with electric eye sensors.

An inventory of equipment was then discussed, eliminating the rescue boat as there is mutual aid with several towns for this purpose and the replacement method for hose replacement.

Chief Hennion then explained his operating budget which has been reduced by \$4,000 from the original submitted work sheet, discussed all line items regarding reductions, etc.

2015 Municipal Budget Requests – Presentations by Department Heads – cont'd.

TAX ASSESSOR – MR. NEIL RUBENSTEIN

Mr. Rubenstein explained the line items in his operating budget, what reductions there are and what is remaining the same.

Mrs. Groh asked for an update on the assessed value of the Borough.

Mr. Rubenstein responded the assessed value in 2014 was \$793,153,300 then there were added assessments, tax appeals, etc. resulting in an assessed value of \$790,575,900, a net drop of \$2 million, noting it was a good added assessment year.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Colonna, West View Terrace referred to the earlier discussion regarding the smoking ban ordinance which she said should not pass as she did not believe outside smoking was a health hazard.

Mr. Weiss responded he will obtain documents in this regard.

Mrs. Groh commented children should not be exposed to smoke.

Ms. Colonna said government should not be involved in these regulations.

Change in Meeting Time for Regular Meeting

It was concurred that the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting would start at 7:00 PM.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Rosenberg and seconded by Mrs. Groh at 10:00 PM:

**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 February 10, 2015 at which the following items will be discussed:

Haworth Country Club Tax Appeal

Close Meeting to Public – cont'd.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council does hereby exclude the public from the portion of the meeting at which 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.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Groh, Rosenberg, Volpe, Bain, Weiss. Declared carried.

Re-Open Meeting to the Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 10:30 PM and as there was no further business to come before the Council adjourned on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator

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