

23. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on February 5, 2014 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

Councilmembers: Vincent Iacobino
Glenn Poosikian
Mary Anne Groh
Andrew Rosenberg
Anthony Volpe
Michael Bain (by speaker telephone)

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor DeRienzo 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 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."

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
County Executive	Law Services Plan Participation	All Council
Joint Insurance Fund	Insurance Coverage for Law Services Plan	All Council
NVRHS	Community Opportunity with Wellcore	All Council

On discussion, Mrs. Groh, in reference to the Wellcore correspondence, said that she will turn this information over to Mr. Poosikian in connection with drug education at the high school and suggested having the high school pay for it. Mayor DeRienzo commented that this is an excellent program and he will discuss payment for it with the high school.

Proposed Resolution – Protocol for Council Meetings, etc.

Mrs. Groh explained this resolution was for discussion this evening and pointed out several portions of the resolution, i.e., action not be taken on a matter on the first time it is presented, posting the agenda on the web-site 48 hours in advance, electronic delivery of documents to councilmembers 48 hours in advance of meeting, draft minutes circulated in advance of executive sessions, etc.

Proposed Resolution – Protocol for Council Meetings, etc., cont'd.

Mayor DeRienzo suggested Mrs. Groh meet with the finance department as to how the 48 hour requirement for financial resolutions in connection with the executive and regular meeting schedules would work.

Mrs. Groh said she would work with Ms. Wheeler on this requirement.

Amendment to Riverside Cooperative Agreement for the Purpose of Adding “Energy” as a Service to be Purchased on a Cooperative Basis

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), specifically authorizes two or more contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services and enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth is conducting a voluntary Cooperative Pricing System with other contracting units; and

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Pricing System is to effect substantial economies in the provision and performance of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative Pricing System (I.D.#35-RCPS) has received approval from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs and the Borough of Haworth is a member of the Riverside Cooperative Pricing System and has executed an agreement to this effect; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7-19(a) states that "an existing registered Cooperative Pricing System may add energy as a commodity to be purchased pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Completion Act (P.L. 1999, c.23) and the interim Government Energy Aggregation Program Standards promulgated by the Board of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of all parties to amend such Agreement for the purpose of including energy as a good or service to be priced cooperatively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Administrative Agreement between the Borough of Haworth and the Riverside Cooperative Pricing System (I.D.#35-RCPS), paragraph is hereby amended as follows:

1. That Section 1 of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement shall be amended by adding "Energy" to the commodities that can be purchased on a cooperative basis.

Amendment to Riverside Cooperative Agreement for the Purpose of Adding “Energy” as a Service to be Purchased on a Cooperative Basis, cont’d.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Agreement shall be amended accordingly.

On discussion, Mayor DeRienzo explained this is to offer residents the opportunity to buy into the auction regarding electric and gas rates, presently used by the municipalities; it would be a better price and the resolution is to give the Riverside Cooperative the means to go to the Department of Community Affairs for approval of the amendment, he said.

Mrs. Groh said her concerns include an “opt out” for residents regarding the offer to buy into the auction regarding utility rates.

Mayor DeRienzo responded when the opportunity actually arises to offer the program to the residents a representative will meet with the Borough.

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

Municipal Alliance

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

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and, therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

Municipal Alliance – cont'd.

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Haworth Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2014 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$9,520.00
Cash Match	\$2,380.00
In-Kind	\$7,140.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

2014 Salary Ordinances

Mr. Regan suggested a change in Ordinance 14-01, the DPW Salary Ordinance, Section I to read approval is required from the “Chairman of the Public Works Committee” instead of DPW Commissioner in order to follow the language in the Borough’s Code.

Mrs. Groh suggested in Ordinance 14-02, Administrative Salaries to eliminate the Longevity Section as it is already in the Borough Code. Discussion was held with Mr. Regan who said it should remain in this new salary ordinance.

2014 Budgets

Mayor DeRienzo noted the need for councilmembers to meet with their portfolios on their budgets and to follow up on budgets which have not been received.

The Mayor noted that a listing of purged ordinance items has been circulated to the council members; this should be reviewed and an explanation sought as to why some items should stay. He said copies of requests for capital items will be distributed and discussed the 2014 Road Improvement Program.

Mrs. Groh noted she has asked Ms. Wheeler for the actual disbursements for the 2013 OE budgets which, she said is a good tool to look at regarding 2014 budgets and said there is a copy of this document in the conference room for reference by the council. She said she is going through other reports she has received and copies that are pertinent will be given to councilmembers.

Availability of Salt

Both the Mayor and Mrs. Groh spoke to Assemblyman Auth today regarding the supply of salt; Bergen County has none now, however, the Borough has enough.

Mayor DeRienzo said the DPW has been working around the clock during the many storms.
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Availability of Salt – cont'd.

Mr. Poosikian reported the DPW has gone back to all the roads and worked on the streets in the area of the school.

Mr. Iacobino asked about removal of the snow from the business district.

Mr. Poosikian explained that has to be done at night and he will determine when the Department can come in to take care of that area.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Place thanked the DPW for their snow removal work. He then welcomed Mr. Regan as the new borough attorney, noting he had a follow-up question on his appointment. Mr. Chval referred to last year's campaign where, he said candidates campaigned for saving money, however, the new attorney's rate is over 55% of the former attorney and questioned what was the issue for this replacement.

Mr. Rosenberg responded that it is about spending wisely, Mr. Regan was selected due to his experience and it is anticipated there will be less time spent in connection with that experience and it is spending smartly.

Mr. Chval referred to the hourly rate for projects, etc.

Mr. Rosenberg replied that it is part of Mr. Regan's expert knowledge to answer questions.

Mr. N. Shirvan, Anstatt Way, referred to the pick-up time at the school which he said is a miserable experience with double parking on Valley Road which backs up traffic and he questioned how to address this situation.

Mayor DeRienzo responded that it is a concern, there will be more police presence in the area and tickets issued. Also, he said the situation will be discussed with the Board of Education.

Mr. Shirvan then said that Mr. Florio, the crossing guard, at the corner of Haworth Avenue and Valley Road does an excellent job.

Mr. Shirvan discussed recent snow plowing in the Borough, noting a truck with a plow up in the air came up his snow covered street and the street was not plowed until late in the day.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mr. Poosikian responded that he spoke to the Superintendent who was equally shocked about the situation, explained the driver was one of the most recent hires, they usually plow in teams, the driver has been informed and he will never drive again with the blade up on an unplowed street.

Mr. Shirvan then said he was glad to see Mr. Regan present.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was duly offered, seconded and carried at 8:05PM:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth, as follows:

1. That the Governing Body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, shall exclude the public from the next portion of this meeting in order to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations.
2. That the items under discussion in the closed meeting will be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the matter.

Re-Open Meeting to Public

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mayor DeRienzo noted these minutes are recorded and when the matters are concluded they are noted. He said Mr. Regan will review them for a synopsis.

Mrs. Groh said the Council should be approving these minutes.

Services to Local School

Mayor DeRienzo noted these various services provided by the Borough – landscaping, snow plowing, etc.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Clerk-Administrator