

53. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on March 10, 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.

Corona Virus

Mayor Ference gave an update on this situation noting the Bergen County Executive and the Governor have declared a state of emergency, rules and regulations will be forthcoming, the Borough's OEM has met, the Borough's website has been updated and the senior luncheon scheduled for March 17th has been postponed.

Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund

Mayor Ference announced the JIF has awarded the borough with 82 points for our safety measures and awarded the borough \$750. He thanked the front office particularly Ms. Celotto and Mr. Simkins for their efforts in obtaining this award.

Ordinance No. 20-05 Bond Ordinance for Acquisition of Radios for Emergency Services

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 20-05 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 20-05 was then read by title only as follows:

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Ordinance No. 20-05 Bond Ordinance for Acquisition of Radios for Emergency Services – cont'd.

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$98,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Ms. Siciliano that Ordinance No. 20-05 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 20-05 be advertised as required by law and a public hearing be set for March 24, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

2020 Salary Ordinance

Mr. Bain noted a 2% increase has been proposed based on the state's 2% CAP for all non-contractual employees and summer recreation employees and will be introduced at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Refund Overpayment 2020 Real Estate Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund the overpayment of 2020 property taxes to the following homeowner:

| <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>REFUND TO:</u> | <u>2020 TAXES</u> |
|--------------|------------|--|-------------------|
| 601 | 6 | Dilio & Patricia Di Pasquale 120 Haworth Dr. Haworth, NJ 07641 | \$ 4,628.00 |

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CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Temporary Emergency

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Current Fund appropriations for the acquisition of new radio equipment for use of the Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$115,500 for Current Fund and

WHEREAS, said emergency temporary appropriation will be funded by a bond ordinance prior to the adoption of the 2020 budget and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, that in accordance with R.S. 40A:4-20, Temporary Emergency Appropriations be and the same is hereby made for:

CURRENT FUND

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Acquisition of New Radio Equipment for Use of the Fire Department \$98,000

Amendment to 2020 Temporary Capital Budget

For resolution see page of permanent minutes

Approval of Payment of Bills

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Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020
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Railroad Crossings

It was noted that CSX will be coming in to undertake improvements at both the Lake Shore Drive crossing and the pedestrian walkway at the Haworth Avenue crossing.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion

Ms. D. Anderson, Hardenburgh Avenue questioned the recent ordinance adopted amending the borough's building permit fees particularly a permit required for real estate signs. She was informed that the fee would not be charged and it is not a problem.

Mr. B. Anderson, Hardenburgh Avenue questioned the re-financing of borough bonds at a lower rate.

Mr. Bain explained the borough refinanced a bond last year at 1.85%, the borough has an AA rating and now to go back and re-issue, the costs would be high, approximately \$30 to 40,000; therefore this would not be appropriate regarding any savings. He further explained the bond anticipation note procedure and then the issuing of a bond and that the borrowing power of the borough is significant.

Dr. M. Kahn, Paulson Place commented on the cost of the bond and then questioned what was brought up at the last environmental commission meeting regarding solar.

Mrs. Wasser responded it was not brought up at their last meeting and Dr. Kahn then asked what was the substance of it at the January meeting of the commission. She said it was just brought up at that time.

Mayor Ference referred to other matters brought up at this last meeting including the question of an odor at Lake Shore Drive which the borough is working on with the BCUA; he asked for a detailed statement of a recycling analysis; there was only a mention of solar and the need for the environmental handbook to be updated and to include the solar issue. He also said he met with the administration at the school regarding the two jurisdictions pursuing solar and all are open to these ongoing discussions. Also he noted the public utilities are looking at such projects.

Dr.Kahn noted the condition of the roofs at the school which would take two years to improve and the roofs are suitable at the municipal building for solar which should be evaluated.

Ms. J. Schluter, West View Terrace asked what she could do to help the solar matter and Mayor Ference responded any information would be appreciated.

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

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Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered at 8:05 PM by Mrs. Wasser, 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 March 10, 2020 at which time the following items will be discussed:

Mulch Site at DPW
White Beeches Tax Appeal
Personnel Matter – DPW

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 item and when determined by the Governing Body that the Borough's interests will not be adversely affected.

Re-open Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:20 PM.

Department of Public Works

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Charles Hennion's probation period be extended for an additional 6 months to January 16, 2021 and that if recommended and approved by the council he be entitled to the next step in the DPW Agreement on January 2021 and the Borough reserves the right to require him to undergo a second psychological evaluation.

2020 Census

Mayor Ference noting the importance of an accurate count for this census asked Mrs. Wasser to be liaison for the census efforts in the borough.

Appointments to the Fire Department

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Xavier Hernandez and Charles Hennion be appointed members of the Haworth Fire Department.

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As there were no further matters to come before the council a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried at 9:30 PM to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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