

66. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on April 2, 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

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Borough Auditor: Jeffrey C. Bliss

Mayor DeRienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and upon roll 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.

Ordinance No. 14-06 - Establish a CAP Bank

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh and seconded by Mr. Bain that Ordinance No. 14-06 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-06 was then read by title only as follows:

**CALENDAR YEAR 2014
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

On discussion, Mr. Bliss explained that under the current Cap Law the annual budget can only be increased to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance for an increase to 3.5%, the amount is banked as it is not needed in this budget, but banked for future years giving the Borough flexibility going forward.

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

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh and seconded by Mr. Poosikian that Ordinance No. 14-06 be passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-06 - Establish a CAP Bank – cont’d.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Volpe, seconded by Mr. Bain and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 14-06 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on May 7, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Haworth, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in The Record in the issue of April 23, 2014 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Center on May 7, 2014 at 7:30 o’clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

1.	Municipal Purposes within “CAPS”	\$5,301,314.
2.	Appropriations Excluded from “CAPS”	\$1,885,017.
3.	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 245,000.
4.	Total General Appropriations	\$7,431,331.
5.	Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax	\$1,750,526.
6.	Amount to be Raised for Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	\$5,371,381.
	Minimum Library Tax	\$ 309.424.

On discussion, Mayor DeRienzo noted this is the introduction tonight of this budget and there is a 30 day review of the budget prior to public hearing and adoption.

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

Refund of Escrow Deposits

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

WHEREAS, the following escrow accounts were established with deposits to offset expenses; and

Refund of Escrow Deposits – cont'd.

WHEREAS, the following amounts were expended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following refunds be made:

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>REFUNDED</u>
131 Beacon LLC 19 Engle St. Tenafly, NJ 07670 (For 121 Pleasant St.)	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1702, L.3	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	\$100.00
Daniel Boyer 341 Whitman St.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 510, Lot 8	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$100.00
Cold Harbor Partners 305 Cedar Court Norwood, NJ 07648 (For 374 Franklin St.)	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1501, L. 18	\$500.00	\$435.00	\$65.00
Mary Corso 431 Jefferson Av.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1008, L. 9	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00
Frederick Crosnier 473 St. Nicholas Av.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 914, L. 10	\$500.00	0	\$500.00
Elle Crowley 113 Houston Pl	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1402, L. 3	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Lewis Eig 371 Schraalenburgh Rd.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1500, L. 5	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	\$50.00
Hanson Homes 1 Willow Court Park Ridge, NJ 07656 (For 206 Park St.)	Engineering Escrow Bl. 910, L. 6	\$250.00	0	\$250.00
Robert Harris 263 Myrtle St.	Engineering Escrow and Variance Bl. 902, L. 5	\$700.00	\$547.50	\$152.50
John Mornhineway 275 Harrison St.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1606, L. 4	\$1,000.00	\$815.00	\$185.00

Refund of Escrow Deposits – cont'd.

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>REFUNDED</u>
Heather Pavell 317 Maple St.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 810. L. 6	\$500.00	\$440.00	\$60.00
Robin Sodaro 578 Sylvan Pl.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 707, L. 5	\$500.00	\$370.00	\$130.00
Robert Boyce 163 Franklin St.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1705, L. 5	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00
White Beeches Golf & Country Club	Engineering Escrow Bl. 700, L. 2	\$4,000.00	\$3,285.00	\$765.00
William Fabiano 43 Jackson Av.	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1606, L. 1	\$500.00	\$435.00	\$65.00
Scenic Landscaping 947 Huron Rd. Fair Lawn, NJ 07417 (For 110 Whitman St.)	Engineering Escrow Bl. 1702, L. 12	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$150.00

Authorization to Advertise for Proposals to Operate Swim Pool Snack Stand

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for the operation of a Food Service Concession (Snack Bar) at the Haworth Swim Club for the 2014 Pool Season.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Pl., requested a copy of the 2014 Budget Workbook.

Ms. B. Colonna, West View Terrace, said she wished to publicly thank Mr. Kelly, superintendent of the DPW and Ms. Celotto for their efforts and swift response to a request to remove a dangerous town tree adjoining her property.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mrs. Groh reported she attended a meeting of the Shade Tree Commission last evening at which time discussion was held to hire a firm to conduct a survey in connection with potentially dangerous trees.

Mr. Iacobino commented this would be an analysis by an arborist so several trees can be taken care of at one time.

Mrs. Groh said that would be more economical.

Mr. Poosikian noted the DPW is in charge of emergency tree situations.

Mr. Iacobino noted the need to identify and obtain a price regarding dangerous trees.

Ms. Colonna then referred to the previous estimate of a \$454. increase in this year's Municipal Budget and asked if this has changed.

Mr. Bliss said the proposed increase is now \$115 per home and a 2.73% increase.

Mayor DeRienzo commented that it is every council member's obligation to review the new budget numbers with their portfolios.

Ms. Colonna referred to the drop in revenue figures in the budget.

Mrs. Groh noted contractual salaries have increased by 3.9%.

Ms. Colonna asked about the effect of the equalized county evaluation.

Mayor DeRienzo noted the local school is at a \$132 increase per home this year.

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

Budget

Mr. Rosenberg thanked Mrs. Groh for her efforts and her time in connection with the budget process.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Bain and unanimously carried at 7:50 PM:

Close Meeting to Public – cont'd.

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 salary 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 8:15 PM.

Budget

Mayor DeRienzo requested that between now and May members of the Council go back to their portfolios to obtain their agreement regarding any cuts which have been made in their budgets. He said he will review the budget with Mrs. Groh and noted any amendments in the introduced budget amounting to 9% will have to be advertised. The Mayor noted the surplus figure has to be looked at, capital items have to be discussed with the council portfolios and any outstanding purchase orders will have to be reviewed.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator