

103. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on June 14,
2022 via Zoom

Present: Hon. Jacqueline Guenego, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Michael Bain
Dina Siciliano
Heather Wasser
Lisa Dhamija

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Guenego 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 the 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 borough clerk and by mailing notice to all persons who requested same and prepaid the cost fixed by the council.”

Tribute to Mayor John Dean DeRienzo

Mayor Guenego recognized the passing of Mayor DeRienzo on June 1st, noting he had served as mayor for 28 years, an impressive feat, he was a dedicated public servant who was present for every first day of school, active with the Scouts and all recreation programs and so many, many projects. The mayor said to lose two mayors – Mayor DeRienzo and Mayor Ference in such a close period is very difficult, particularly when they were both so dedicated and loved their public service.

Mayor Guenego noted Mayor DeRienzo’s funeral be held at Sacred Heart Church on June 24th.

Graffiti in the Borough

Mayor Guenego reported she was disturbed this past week to hear of more anti-semitic graffiti on trees and other locations in the borough. She said the police department and DPW took care of it, however this will not be tolerated, requested all to reach out if they see anything and that the borough is very aware of this situation.

Ordinance 22-09 – Library Drainage – 2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Adoption

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-09 be offered for second reading.

Ordinance 22-09 – Library Drainage – 2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Adoption – cont’d.

Ordinance No. 22-09 which is as follows was then read by title only:

PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARY DRAINAGE IN THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE OF THE BOROUGH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 The improvement described in section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Borough of Haworth, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$10,000, from the Capital Fund Surplus.

Section 2 The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose of the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in section 1 of this Ordinance is as follows: The improvement of drainage at the Haworth Library.

Section 3 The capital budget of the Borough of Haworth is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 4 This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption, as provided by law.

The meeting was then opened to the public on Ord. 22-09. As there were no comments the meeting was closed to the public on this ordinance.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Poosikian to pass Ordinance No. 22-09 on second and final reading.

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

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that the passage of Ordinance No. 22-09 be advertised as required by law.

Resolution to Amend the 2022 Budget

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg to approve the following resolution:

For resolution see Page 114A of permanent minutes.

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

Public Hearing on 2022 Municipal Budget

The meeting was opened to the public on the 2022 Municipal Budget. As there were no comments, the meeting was closed to the public on the budget.

Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Ms. Dhamija:

For resolution see Page 114B of permanent minutes

On discussion Mr. Poosikian said he has spoken to Mr. Monaco to confirm the leaf collection cost is not included in this budget as the borough will be doing its own collection and a grinder machine required to do this operation will need to be included in the capital budget.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Plastic Bags

Mr. Poosikian explained that one of the merchants on Terrace Street is not complying with the ban on plastic bags, the borough's recycling coordinator is the enforcement individual, however, the state and county have some authority.

Mr. Regan explained the borough's ordinance is not to be superseded by the state and county laws.

Further discussion included: the explanation of penalties in the borough's ordinance; staying with the borough ordinance for guidance, etc.

NEW BUSINESS – cont’d.

Plastic Bags – cont’d.

Mr. Regan said the borough’s code official needs to be the one to issue tickets; Mrs. Wasser said the police can issue; Mr. Poosikian said it did not matter who issues which was followed by a discussion to determine who can sign summonses.

Ms. Gallagher, court administrator explained it has to be a code official to issue the summons, not the recycling coordinator.

Further discussion included the police can enforce the statute; Mr. Poosikian suggested the recycling coordinator could be a witness and then there would be someone who signs the summons.

Police Chief Gracey said this should go through the health official, the police department has never gotten involved in these situations and he will look into it tomorrow whether it is the construction official or the health department.

Mayor Guenego suggested reaching out to the county board of health. There was further discussion of who issues the summonses; Mayor Guenego said it made more sense to contact the county official; Mrs. Wasser suggested issuing a warning first.

It was then agreed that Ms. Fay issue a letter to the offender.

Film Permit

Mayor Guenego reported the borough has received a request from a filming company to scout out a location for a new “Walking Dead” episode which would close out an area downtown for a half or one weekday of filming and explained the process – they would speak to the merchants, etc.

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried to support the request of AMC for scouting for their television series.

Ambulance Corps

Ms. Dhamija noted the ambulance corps will host a BBQ and open house on a Sunday in July and will shortly choose a date.

Camera on Borough Tree

Mr. Rosenberg explained a resident on Whitman Street has affixed a camera on a borough tree, a large PTZ which zooms, etc., the borough has an ordinance that nothing can be placed on a borough tree, the police department has spoken to the owner and they have said they would take

NEW BUSINESS – cont'd.

Camera on Borough Tree – cont'd.

down the camera. Since this is in the borough right-of-way which is against the borough ordinance the police will follow up and Ms. Fay will send a letter to the homeowner if it is not removed.

Celebrate Haworth Day

Mr. Bain explained the fee for inspection of food trucks, suggested in order to entice them for this event he suggested waiving that particular fee and the recreation commission has voted to waive that fee but has to have permission from the mayor and council. He indicated other fees these vendors have to pay for and recreation would like to have more food trucks at the event.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mrs. Wasser to have the \$25 fee for the food trucks waived.

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

Leaf Removal

Mr. Poosikian explained the leaf removal issue – there is nothing in the budget at this time to remove the leaves; the secured licenses for this procedure are in place; the borough engineer is confident the DPW can do the grinding of the leaves; there is the need for someone to take the leaves and remove the soil.

Mr. Poosikian went on to explain there is a proposal to remove the soil and the leaves for 5 years at no cost to the borough; there is the need to purchase a leaf grinder, therefore it is necessary to move on this year's capital budget so this machinery can be purchased. He said this process would then put solar at the yard on hold for the five years.

Mr. Bain noted the tree farm could perhaps be used for solar.

Mr. C. Simkins, DPW superintendent explained the process with the leaf grinder.

Mr. Monaco indicated a letter of intent is required regarding the purchase of this equipment.

Mrs. Wasser said the solar plan is not being abandoned regarding the leaf removal project.

NEW BUSINESS – cont’d.

Leaf Removal – cont’d.

Discussion was held regarding a solar committee. Mayor Guenego suggested appointing three volunteers in connection with another solar farm location. Ms. Siciliano questioned the possibility of a water table problem at the tree farm.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Poosikian to approve the following consent agenda.

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

Approval of 2022-23 Liquor Licenses

WHEREAS, the following liquor licenses in the Borough of Haworth are due for renewal for the 2022-2023 year, and

WHEREAS, the applications submitted by the applicants are complete in all respects and the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local government ABC laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the applicants have disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed whether any additional financing was obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the renewal of the following licenses in the Borough of Haworth are approved:

Plenary Retail Consumption License to: Sailor Mutt Inc. 23 Hardenburgh Avenue Haworth, NJ 07641	0226-33-001-002	\$792.00
Plenary Retail Consumption License to: White Beeches Golf & Country Club 70 Haworth Drive Haworth, NJ 07641	0226-33-002-001	\$792.00
Club License to: Lake Shore Golf, Athletic & Recreation Club of Haworth, NJ 5 Lake Shore Drive Haworth, NJ 07641	0226-31-003-001	\$150.00

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Approval of 2022-23 Liquor Licenses – cont’d.

Plenary Retail Distribution License to: Haworth Fine Wine and Spirits 155 Terrace Street Haworth, NJ 07641	0226-44-004-010	\$380.00
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Approval to Submit Grant Application DOT – Reconstruction Maple and Park Streets

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Maple Street and Park Streets

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth desires to receive \$286,100.00 in funds from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of resurfacing, making safety improvements, traffic calming, and incorporating complete streets measures along Maple Street and Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has developed a plan of action and cost estimate to improve Maple Street and Park Avenue and key intersections through the addition of pavement markings and other physical complementary safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project will also improve safety to the local schools and commuter lines, thus leveraging the requested funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Haworth, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application MA-2023-Haworth Borough-00026 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Haworth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Haworth and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Approval to Submit Grant Application DOT – Lake Shore Drive Bikeway

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Borough of Haworth - Lake Shore Drive Bikeway Construction project.

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Approval to Submit Grant Application DOT – Lake Shore Drive Bikeway – cont’d.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth desires to receive \$509,000.00 in funds from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of construction of a Borough of Haworth – Lake Shore Drive Bikeway; and

WHEREAS, the Department’s Bikeways program is to encourage New Jersey residents to bike and walk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to construct a bikeway, which is fully segregated from the public road system along Lake Shore Drive; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bikeway will fully reside on property fully owned by the Borough of Haworth; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s design consultant developed a plan of action and cost estimate to for construction of the bikeway and addition colorized surface treatments, barrier-free improvements at public roads, wayfaring signage, and other physical complementary safety improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Haworth formally approves the grant application for the above stated project and will continually own and maintain the areas of improvements in perpetuity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as BIKE-2023-Haworth Borough-00006 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Haworth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Haworth and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Approval to Submit Grant Application with DOT- Mass. Av. Safe Routes to Transit Program

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Borough of Haworth Massachusetts Avenue Safe Routes to Transit Program.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth desires to receive \$459,250.00 in funds from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of making pedestrian safety improvements to intersections along travel routes to mass transit; and

WHEREAS, the Department’s Safe Routes To Transit program is to encourage New Jersey residents to safely utilize mass transit, make pedestrian travel pathways safer, increase ridership; and

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Approval to Submit Grant Application with DOT- Mass. Av. Safe Routes to Transit Program

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has developed a plan of action and cost estimate to improve key signalized and non-signalized intersections through the addition of high intensity pavement markings within the connecting crosswalks and other physical complementary safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the intersection improvements will benefit the local schools and the business areas of the Borough by providing safer travel paths; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as SST-2023-Haworth Borough-00009 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Haworth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Haworth and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Appoint 2022 Swim Club Employees

BE IT RESOLVED the following are appointed as employees for the 2022 Summer Season at the Haworth Swim Club:

Lifeguards

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| Victoria Ambartsoumian | Chloe Liu |
| Carlos Bayuelo | Julia Monaco |
| Leo Carvajal | Charlie Nyfenger |
| Brian Chen | Susie Nyfenger |
| Eoin (Hex) Connell | Lizzy Puentes |
| Mackenzie Fox | Kimi Quayle |
| Isabella Gilmour | Eric Slutsky |
| Kaori Graham | Noah Song |
| Grace Hamlin | Rebecca Storch |
| Lilly Hamlin | Ana Velcic |
| Toni Hoyng | Francesca Vitulano |
| Samantha Idiculla | |
| Wyatt Janosz | |
| Kiera Lau | |

Office

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| Mia Armen | Ayva Gallagher |
| Sabina Nix | Anna Vidaic |

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Award Contract to Replace Roof and Gutters at Fire House

WHEREAS, quotations were sought to replace the roof and gutters at the Haworth Fire House, and

WHEREAS, two quotations were received for \$34,700 and \$31,025, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the quotation from Gravina Construction is the most responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Gravina Construction, 25 Bergen Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 in the amount of \$31,025 subject to the availability of funds.

Refund Overpayment of Taxes – 2021 Veteran Deductions

WHEREAS, claim for a \$250 Veteran Deduction had been granted to these homeowners in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the deduction was not applied to the property tax file in 2021 but has been retroactively applied, thereby creating an overpayment of 2021 property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund the 2021 Veteran’s Deduction as follows:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO:</u>	<u>DEDUCTION</u>
600	15	Peter Colli 174 Haworth Dr. Haworth, NJ 07641	\$ 250.00
1807	9	Alan Innes 52 Harrison St. Haworth, NJ 07641	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
		Total	\$ 500.00

Payment of Bills

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES
PAGES 114C – 114I

CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of May 24, 2022

Closed Meeting of May 24, 2022

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion,

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Av., said she did not understand the cost of leaf removal and the solar farm and why is it changing.

Mr. Poosikian responded that originally it was thought the DPW yard would be a good location for the solar however, due the excessive cost of leaf removal now leaves will have to be taken to the yard for their treatment and removal. As to the use of the tree farm for the solar farm that could be a consideration he said.

Mr. Bain explained the previous discussions on this matter, the cost for leaf removal now and the possibility of a solar farm at the tree farm.

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

As there was no further business to come before the council, a motion was offered at 8:40 PM by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

