

27. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on February
8, 2022 via Zoom

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 statement: 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 municipal clerk and by mailing notice to all persons who requested same and prepaid the cost fixed by the council.”

Salute to Flag

Mayor Ference led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor’s Remarks

Mayor Ference explained that in connection with the potential expansion of the borough hall he is forming a committee for Building Expansion consisting of Mr. Poosikian, Mr. Rosenberg and himself as chairman.

The mayor went on to say he moved to Haworth 49 years ago, has been involved in many activities as he always felt it was important to give back to the community; he coached soccer for 40 years, served on the planning board as chairman for 28 years and always felt the honor of serving. He noted the dedicated public servants working together, he has been very proud to serve and referred to significant health concerns he has experienced lately for which all have been great in their assistance.

Mayor Ference said he has decided that in the best interest of the town he will step down as mayor but happy that the town will be in great hands with Ms. Guenego, council president/acting mayor. He then thanked all the borough staff, several who have served for many years, Mr. Regan who is a great adviser, all the first responders – Fire Chief Hennion and Police Chief Gracey, all the volunteers and councilmembers who he has enjoyed working with and thanked the citizens of Haworth.

Mayor's Remarks – cont'd.

Mayor Ference then said starting tonight there will be a new mayor and turned the meeting over to Ms. Guenego, council president.

Ms. Guenego thanked the mayor for his service and suggested inviting his family to the next council meeting, noting it has been a pleasure working for him as he is a great counselor to all and thanked him for his confidence in her.

Mr. Poosikian commented this is a bittersweet moment, Mayor Ference had one purpose working for the better good for Haworth, this group is one of the best groups he has worked with over many years, the mayor has a high standard and thanked him very much for his service.

Mr. Rosenberg said he has had the good fortune of working with the mayor, this is a very congenial group and wished him the best.

Mr. Bain commented he met Mayor Ference many years ago who taught him the importance of service, he needs to take care of himself now, thanked him for his guidance and said he will miss him.

Ms. Siciliano said being a member of the council has been an experience for her, Mayor Ference has been a sage counsel, she appreciates his guidance and wished him the best.

Mrs. Wasser noted Mayor Ference's impact as mayor, his dedication to the people of the town, referred to his years on the planning board and thanked him for his leadership during the affordable housing matter, he has led his team, dedicated and caring.

Mayor Ference thanked all the members of the council, DPW Superintendent Simkins, a true professional, the group that came together as council, all the borough hall staff who he is all proud of and Mr. Regan who is beyond value, wishing all the best of luck.

Presentation by Kim Stuart, Recycle Coach

Ms. Stuart of Recycle Coach explained this company works with the DEP who pays for an app that facilitates municipalities' recycling efforts. She noted what is in the app including how to dispose of items correctly, etc. which can be personalized for the town, sending out notifications, a calendar and can send out emergency alerts.

Mr. Poosikian referred to the DEP contract.

Ms. Stuart responded if it is not renewed, they will work for free for one year and then a new contract could be negotiated.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked Ms. Stuart and said that he will reach out to her regarding this proposal.

Presentation by Haworth Board of Education – Referendum

Mr. R. Rodino, president of the Board of Education explained the proposal which includes the following:

Maker Space; Middle School Media Center; Student/Staff Learning Center; Four New Classrooms; a Pre-K; Special Education Facilities; Regulation Size Gym; Child Study Team Facility and a Middle School with Separate Entrance.

Mr. Rodino then showed drawings of the proposal and explained the financial aspects as follows:

Total Project - \$8,200,000 broken down as follows;

\$2,000,000 - Capital Reserves

\$478,000 – State aid

\$5,700,000 - Local Share amounting to \$25. per month for a home assessed at approximately \$600,000.

Mr. Rosenberg said this was a good presentation and asked if there had been any thought of having the referendum the same date as the general election as he felt there might not be a good turn-out with this separate date of March 8th.

Mr. Rodino explained some timing issues and they will try to get the vote out.

Mrs. Wasser referred to special needs children and asked if there are some now in the school.

Mr. Rodino explained there are - with extra staff and noted the cost to send them out of district.

Mr. Bain noted the increase in the borough's tax bill which he said is a heavy hit.

Mr. Rodino said they feel it is important now according to the timetable.

Mrs. Wasser asked if Haworth is on par with the other towns in the regional high school district.

Mr. Rodino responded on a par with the fundamentals in the northern valley however the other towns offer Pre-K.

The meeting was then opened to the public on the referendum.

Presentation by Haworth Board of Education – Referendum – cont’d.

Questions included how many children are expected from the Lake Shore Development. Mr. Rodino said they don’t have the demographics yet. It was noted there are 419 students presently in the school with several saying there have been more in the past.

Another question pertained to staffing for special needs students - number of aides needed, etc.

As there were no further comments the discussion on the referendum was closed.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-02-Prohibiting Street and Right-of-Way Obstructions

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-02 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 22-02 was read by title only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XVI
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH
ENTITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS”**

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mrs. Wasser that Ordinance No. 22-02 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-02 be advertised as required by law and a date set for hearing thereon on February 22, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Poosikian to approve the following consent agenda. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego (abstained from voting on the Raffle Resolution due to a conflict of interest with one of the licenses which is for the Bergen County Bar Association), Siciliano, Wasser. Declared carried.

Refund of Driveway Permit Deposit

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has inspected and found that work has been satisfactorily completed on the following Driveway Permit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the following refund be made:

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Refund of Driveway Permit Deposit – cont’d.

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>PERMIT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Alfonso Casciello	1445	\$100.00	57 Prospect Avenue Haworth, NJ 07641

Authorization to Purchase Forcible Entry Door for Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Haworth Fire Department requires effective equipment to train its members in all forms of firefighting; and

WHEREAS, the Haworth Fire Department is in need of a forcible entry door simulator for training purposes; and

WHEREAS, quotes were requested from three vendors, namely East Cost Rescue Solutions, NAFECO, and Forcible Entry Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Forcible Entry Inc. was the only responsive bidder with a bid of \$8,150; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), the Borough may, by resolution award a bid to the single responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the CFO of the Borough of Haworth has certified that adequate capital funds are available in account C-04-21-204-003 in the Borough Capital Budget now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haworth, in the County of Bergen, that the Borough is hereby authorized to purchase the Forcible Entry Door Simulator from Forcible Entry Inc.

Approval of 2021 LOSAP Lists for Fire Department and Ambulance Corps Members

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. No. 872, adopted August 2, 2000, the governing body established a Length of Service Awards Program (“LOSAP”) in and for the Borough of Haworth, in accordance with Chapter 388 of the Laws of 19979 (N.J.S.A. 40A:15-183, et seq.) to reward volunteer firefighters and ambulance corps members for their service to the residents; and

WHEREAS, each year, emergency service organizations participating in a LOSAP must certify to the governing body an annual list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the Haworth Fire Department and the Haworth Ambulance Corps have provided the Mayor and Council with lists of all members and the number of LOSAP credits as earned by them during the year 2021, said lists being annexed hereto and incorporated by reference herein; and

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Approval of 2021 LOSAP Lists for Fire Department and Ambulance Corps Members – cont’d.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance establishing the LOSAP program, each member with 100 points or more of LOSAP credits (40% and above participation in the Fire Department equaling 100 points) qualifies for a LOSAP contribution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the LOSAP lists are hereby approved and that copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Haworth Fire Department, Haworth Ambulance Corps and the Borough Treasurer.

Approval of Raffle License

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Casino Night Raffle Application #RA-491 for the Bergen County Bar Foundation to be held at White Beeches Golf & Country Club on March 24, 2022 (or any alternate date) and the 50/50 On Premise Raffle Application #RA-492 for the K of C Immaculate Conception Council 9021 to be held at Sacred Heart Church hall on March 4, 2022 be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Appointments to Environmental Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alisa Saporito, Meghan Reeder and Atiye Cagler be appointed members of the Environmental Commission to 3 - year terms to December 31, 2024.

Transfer of 2021 Budget Appropriations

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2021 Operating Budget Appropriations:

Current Fund	FROM	TO
Health Benefits 1-01-23-095-300	\$12,000	Street Lights 1-01-31-261-300 \$8,600

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Transfer of 2021 Budget Appropriations – cont’d.

Current Fund	FROM	TO
		Natural Gas
		1-01-31-265-300
		\$1,200
		Electricity
		1-01-31-262-300
		\$1,200
		Computer Maintenance
		1-01-20-050-300
		\$1,000

Authorization to Sign Agreement for 2022 Bloodborne Pathogen Program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services for the Bloodborne Pathogen Program for the Year 2022 in the amount of \$15.00 per each trained employee and \$10.00 per each trained employee for the Bloodborne Pathogens Administrative Services.

Payment of Bills

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST

SEE PERMANENT MINUTES

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Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of January 25, 2022

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion. As there were no comments the meeting was closed to public discussion.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered at 8:45 PM by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Wasser 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

Close Meeting to Public – cont'd.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it necessary to conduct a closed session and to exclude the public on February 8, 2022 at which time the following item will be discussed:

Contract Matter

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 item 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 9:15 PM.

March 8, 2022 Council Meeting

It was concurred to cancel the March 8th executive meeting due to a conflict with the school referendum scheduled for that date.

As there was no further business to come before the council a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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