

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Mayor and Council  
Borough of Haworth  
February 27, 2024**

**Call Meeting to Order**                      **Time: 7:31 pm**

**Mayor's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

Present:                      Hon. Heather Wasser, Mayor  
Councilmembers:        Andrew Rosenberg  
                                 Alanna Davis  
                                 Michael Rodino  
                                 Glenn Poosikian  
                                 Dina Siciliano (absent)  
                                 Michele DiIorgi

Also present: Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Interim Borough Clerk, RMC, CMC, CMR Admin  
                         Martha Francis, Office Assistant  
                         Robert T. Regan, Borough Attorney

**Salute to Flag**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Rodino reported that new fees are being discussed by the Recreation Commission and that the Commission is reaching out to secure long-term partners.

Councilwoman DiIorgi reported that the Library had significant increases in materials fees (e.g., books and audiobooks). The computer for the Children's section was replaced by the Friends of the Library. The Director's computer was paid for out of the budget. There were small salary increases, and the chocolate extravaganza will be held on Thursday. The school submitted many requests for reimbursements for classes. There have been one or two resignations. The audit was submitted. The Ambulance Corps held their swearing in and their event, which was reportedly lovely.

Councilman Rosenberg reported that the Zoning Board did not meet in February. The Planning Board approved the subdivision on Lake Shore Drive after the raised concerns were addressed by the applicant. The Police LEAD program was held at the school; a grant is being sought for the Click It or Ticket program. The new officer is near the end of training. The state's memorandum of cooperation with the school is being reviewed. The Borough's tax maps must be recreated for the upcoming revaluation; bids will be sought. The first step of the Massachusetts Avenue project will be taken with the Planning Board. It is hoped that the proposed budget will be introduced at

the second March Mayor and Council meeting. The Fire Department is asked to send a record of calls to Councilmen Rosenberg, Rodino, and Poosikian.

Councilman Poosikian reported that the DPW started the chipping service and that after-hours work was needed on January 8, 9, 15, and 16. The Fire Department had 37 calls in January, as well as drills and a work night. Significant calls were on January 9-10 (during snow), 1/14 for a chimney fire, and 1/28 for a motor vehicle accident with a rollover.

Councilwoman Davis reported that the Seniors will have a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on 3/14 sponsored by the Police Department. There was a suggestion to train seniors on the new voting machines. She thanked the Boy Scouts for their help in shoveling out the seniors in town and said that more volunteers would be needed to continue the program. The Environmental Commission met last night. Shredding will be April 6 9:00-12:00. April 27 will be the clean up day, a Shade Tree and School coordinated Arbor Day event, and a Library event. The Environmental Commission will recommend the establishment of a Green Team to the Mayor and Council. Councilman Rodino suggested that a video could be created to train people on using the new voting booths.

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** Interim Borough Clerk Ann Bistriz shared that she has worked with a Green Team and has created training videos. She also shared that Carolyn Lee is reaching out to the Board of Elections to learn about available training.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** No report

**MAYORS REPORT** Mayor Wasser welcomed Ann Bistriz and welcomed Marti Francis, who cover some meetings. She congratulated the new line officers of the Ambulance Corps and said that the brunch was beautiful. She shared the happy news that the Nigerian Citizen/resident of Haworth who was unjustly arrested and illegally detained in Nigeria in 2019 is coming home. Much work was done behind the scenes, and she hopes that there will be an official celebration. Councilman Poosikian shared that Mayor Wasser and Councilwoman Davis were both very involved in that work, and Mayor Wasser shared that Congressman Gottheimer was very helpful.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** none

**NEW BUSINESS**

First Reading by Title - Addendum A

**#2024-6 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR THE POSTIONS OF THE HAWORTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGAM**

Motion Councilman Rodino

Second Councilman Poosikian

Discussion Councilman Rodino stated that these expenses will not affect the Borough.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Davis- yes

Councilwoman DiIorgi-yes

Councilman Poosikian-yes

Councilman Rodino-yes

Councilman Rosenberg-yes

Carried.

Councilman Rosenberg moved to approve advertising of the Ordinance, second Councilman Poosikian. All in favor. Carried.

First Reading by Title

#2024-8 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR POOL PERSONNEL FOR 2024

Motion Councilman Rosenberg

Second Councilman Rodino

Discussion Councilman Rosenberg stated that lifeguard salaries may go up a little bit.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Davis- yes  
Councilman Poosikian-yes  
Councilman Rosenberg-yes

Councilwoman DiIorgi-yes  
Councilman Rodino-yes

Carried.

Councilman Rosenberg moved to approve advertising of the Ordinance, second Councilman Poosikian. All in favor. Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following resolutions are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be voted collectively. Councilmembers may choose to remove any items from the Consent Agenda and request an individual vote.

- (B) RESOLUTION 2024-55-Authorization Purchase of Chairs for Borough Hall
- (C) RESOLUTION 2024-56-Transfer of Funds
- (D) RESOLUTION 2024-57-Award of Contract 2024 Winter Tree Program Arrow Tree Service Inc.
- (E) RESOLUTION 2024-58-Establishing Rates for the 2024 Summer Recreation Program

Motion Councilman Rosenberg

Second Councilman Rodino

Vote

Councilwoman Davis- yes  
Councilman Poosikian-yes  
Councilman Rosenberg-yes

Councilwoman DiIorgi-yes  
Councilman Rodino-yes

Carried.

The Meeting was opened to the public.

Stacy Wunsch (Board of Education) shared that all school activities are listed on the website. She also said that the debris on the Lake Shore sidewalk needs to be cleaned up. It is quite bad and may be from the tree installation.

Nubar Nakashian (305 Brook Street) said that the deer population is getting worse and worse. Mayor Wasser said that an ad-hoc committee is going to be formed. Councilman Rodino volunteered to be part of this committee. The Mayor will address the issue as soon as possible.

Steve Juneller (124 Harrison) asked whether Hardenburgh Avenue can be paved and was told that it is on the 2025 list. The Mayor asked whether it can be patched. Mr. Juneller also spoke about the problem of bamboo and asked whether an ordinance could be passed banning it. The Mayor said that it can be put on the website as an invasive species.

Interim Clerk Ann Bistriz shared that due to the changes in the office the late notices for the dog licenses were not handled in a timely manner. She asked that there be a one-time late fee of \$5.00 this year (rather than \$5.00 per month) and that the usual system be put back in place next year. Councilman Rodino moved to approve this resolution, second Councilman Poosikian. All in favor. Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION Time:** None

**ADJOURNMENT TIME 8:08 pm**

Motion Councilman Poosikian  
Second Councilman Rosenberg  
Vote All in Favor

Minutes were transcribed by Martha Francis, Office Assistant  
Ann H. Bistriz RMC CMC CMR  
Interim Municipal Clerk  
Admin

**Addendum A**

**ORDINANCE #2024-6**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR THE POSITIONS OF THE HAWORTH  
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth as follows:

**Section 1.**

The following positions for the 2024 Haworth Summer Recreation Program to run from Monday, July 8, 2024 to Friday, August 9, 2024 shall have the salaries as hereinafter set forth:

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|--------------------|--|
| Director           | \$169.27 per day (\$846.35 per week)<br>Pre camp rate \$30.78 per hour |
| Assistant Director | \$124.00 per day (\$620.00 per week)<br>Pre camp rate \$22.54 per hour |
| Head Counselor     | \$18.00 per hour<br>Pre camp rate \$18.00 per hour                     |
| Paraprofessional   | \$25.00 per hour   |
| Lead Counselors    | \$0.50 extra per hour  |
| Counselors         | \$13.73 per hour (New Jersey<br>Seasonal 2024 pay rate)                |

**Section 2. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.**

All ordinances or parts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**Section 3. Severability.**

If any section, sentence or any other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance but shall be confined in its effect to the section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy which such judgment shall be rendered.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.

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**HEATHER WASSER, Mayor**

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**Borough Clerk**

**Introduced:**

**Adopted:**

**Approved:**

**Addendum B  
Resolution 2024-55**

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A CHAIRS FOR BOROUGH HALL**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haworth has determined that it is in the best interest of its residents to purchase new chairs for the council chambers, conference room, staff, and Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the equipment shall be purchased under ECSNJ Cooperative Contract 23/22-08, from approved vendor Global Furniture Group for an amount not to exceed \$7,175.76; and

**WHEREAS**, additional equipment shall be purchased under State Contract A81711, from approved vendor Exemplis/Sit on It Seating for an amount not to exceed \$8,250.56; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds in the amount \$15,426.32 are available in Account No. C-04-20-010-001; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby approve the aforesaid purchase from Global Furniture Group and Exemplis/Sit on It Seating.

**Addendum C  
Resolution 2024-56  
Transfer of Funds**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2023 Budget Appropriations, and there exists balances from which to make said transfers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Chief Financial Officer hereby be authorized to make the following transfers to the 2023 Budget Appropriations.

**Inside CAP:**

**To:**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Clerk - OE                | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Utilities – Natural Gas   | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Utilities – Electricity   | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Utilities – Water         | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Utilities – Street Lights | \$ 5,100.00 |

**Total                    \$ 20,600.00**

**Inside CAP:**

**From:**

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Streets & Roads – SW | \$ 20,600.00 |
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**Total                    \$ 20,600.00**

**Addendum D**  
**Resolution 2024-57**  
**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT**  
**FOR THE 2024 WINTER TREE PROGRAM**  
**TO ARROW TREE SERVICE, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haworth advertised for the receipt of bids for the Winter Tree Program for the year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to said advertisement, a total of five bids were received on February 15, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bidder was Arrow Tree Service, Inc. (“Arrow”), 188 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, New Jersey, with a total bid price of \$33,060.00 which includes tree removal, pruning and stump removal as set forth in the specifications.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a Contract be and is hereby awarded to Arrow in the amount of \$33,060.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate Borough officials be and are hereby authorized to execute a Contract with Arrow for the aforesaid work.

**Addendum E**  
**Resolution 2024-58**  
**Establishing Rates for the 2024 Summer Recreation Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haworth Summer Recreation Program will run from Monday, July 8, 2024 to Friday, August 9, 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following rates are established for participation in the Program:

Early rates if paid on or before May 3, 2024, \$975.00 for all five (5) weeks of camp, or \$210.00 per week.

If paid after May 3, 2024, \$250.00 per week (no multi-week discount offered).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the within resolution shall be forwarded to the Recreation Commission and such other officials as deemed appropriate.