

217. Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on November 12, 2019 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. Thomas P. Ference, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glen 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 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.”

Mayor’s Announcements

Mayor Ference noted the re-institution of the Employee’s Holiday Recognition Dinner to be held December 9th.

The Mayor explained the intention to finish the field project at Memorial Field, the need to obtain a clear proposal for this work and appointed a sub-committee of Mr. Bain, Ms. Guenego and Mrs. Wasser with Mr. Bain in charge to organize the work involved.

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Municipal Joint Insurance Fund	Notice of 2019 Dividend	All Council
Menorah Committee	Request to Display Menorah	All Council
Crèche Committee	Request to Display Crèche	All Council

In connection with the Joint Insurance notice a motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Poosikian to apply the 2019 dividend to the first installment in 2020.

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

Correspondence – cont'd.

The letters received from the Haworth Menorah Committee and the Crèche Committee were referred to.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Siciliano and unanimously carried:

BE IT RESOLVED that permission be granted to the Haworth Menorah Committee to place a menorah on the front lawn of the Municipal Center and to the Haworth Crèche Committee to place a crèche on the front lawn of the Municipal Center in accordance with the requirements outlined in both Committees' requests.

Municipal Parking

Mr. Rosenberg noted the following decisions made by his committee:

Terrace Street – east side, 30 minute parking limit, west side, 1 hour – no change.

St. Nicholas Avenue between Terrace Street and Houston Place – no parking except for the south side.

Stevens Place – east of hardware store 8 spaces are possible for borough employees; west side leave unrestricted.

Haworth Avenue south side – borough business only.

Recommendation not to re-claim the borough owned places to the rear of the Minit-Mart.

First two places at borough hall reserved for mayor and administrator.

Ms. Guenego referred to the parking suggestion for Terrace Street during certain times in connection with the restaurants which patrons could be there longer than 6 PM.

Stickers for employees' cars were favored.

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried to authorize the borough attorney to prepare the required ordinance for the parking restrictions.

AT&T Proposal

Mayor Ference noted Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Regan have discussed this proposal for a cell tower; Mr. Rosenberg said there is no action at this time and Mayor Ference said this item is not ready for further discussion at this time.

Appointment to Fire Department

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried to appoint Nicholas Sinanian as a junior member of the Haworth Fire Department.

Appointment to the DPW

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried to appoint seasonal employee Xavier Hernandez as a full time member of the Department of Public Works subject to successfully completing physical and psychological exams.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mrs. Wasser to approve the following consent agenda. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser.

Appointment of Senior Van Driver

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council hereby approve the employment of Peter James Devries as Senior Van Driver effective November 5, 2019 at a salary of \$14.17 per hour.

Appointment to Zoning Board

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council hereby approve the appointment of Lawrence Ross as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to a 4 year unexpired term to December 31, 2020.

Authorization to Apply for Grant to NJ Transit for Senior Van

WHEREAS, a New Jersey Transit grant has been proposed by the Boroughs of Haworth, Closter and Harrington Park for a new Senior Van; and

WHEREAS, the project is in the best interest of the people of Haworth, Closter and Harrington Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body acting as lead agency does hereby confirm the submission of the aforesaid project

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Authorization to Purchase Street Sign Posts and Hangars

WHEREAS, quotations were sought for Street Sign Posts and Hangars for the Downtown Project; and

WHEREAS, two quotations were received; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Mayor and Council that the quotation from Highway Traffic Supply is the most responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Highway Traffic Supply, 40 West Washington Avenue, Suite D, Pearl River, NY 10965 in the amount of \$6,542.00 as outlined in their proposal dated October 29, 2019.

Authorize to Purchase Wreaths

WHEREAS, quotations were sought for LED Wreaths for Downtown Decorations; and

WHEREAS, two quotations were received; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Mayor and Council that the quotation from Rileighs Outdoor Décor. is the most responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Rileighs Outdoor Décor., PO Box 4365, Bethlehem, PA 18081 in the amount of \$9,856.00 as outlined in their proposal dated November 5, 2019.

Agreement of Intent to Appropriate Funds – Bergen County United Way

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth is the owner of certain premises known as Block 1800, Lot 1 comprising an area of 8.34 acres and a land area of two (2) acres is proposed for an inclusionary development (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has entered into a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”), which settlement was approved by an Order of the Superior Court of New Jersey in connection with a Fairness and Preliminary Compliance Hearing, which Order is dated June 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, said Order requires that the Borough comply with certain conditions detailed in the report of Special Master Michael P. Bolan dated June 13, 2019; and

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Agreement of Intent to Appropriate Funds – Bergen County United Way – cont’d.

WHEREAS, one of the conditions requires that the Borough address the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.5* (“the Regulation”) concerning municipally sponsored construction for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Regulation requires that when an application for funding is still pending, a municipality must demonstrate that it has adequate funding capabilities and provide an intent to bond should funding not be adequate or be otherwise unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates that funding will be available through tax credits and other sources in connection with the Project which would consist of 35 units, of which 14 would be affordable and 21 market-rate; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been provided with a pro forma statement of development costs from Bergen County United Way/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan provides that the Borough will adopt a resolution indicating an intent to bond if funding is declined or unavailable and other sources, such as the Borough’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies, are insufficient.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth does hereby agree to appropriate funds or authorize the issuance of debt to fund any shortfall in connection with the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should funding be inadequate, the Borough agrees to appropriate funds or authorize the issuance of debt consistent with applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough may repay any debts incurred through future collections of development fees as such funds become available.

Payment of Bills

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES
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CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of October 29, 2019

Closed Meeting of October 29, 2019

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Avenue referred to the proposed parking on Haworth Avenue for “borough business only” which she said would impact on the senior meetings held at the Congregational Church.

Mayor Ference responded the senior meetings are a borough program so there would be no problem.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered at 8 PM by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Ms. Siciliano 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 November 12, 2019 at which time the following items will be discussed:

White Beeches Tax Appeal
Personnel Matters
Real Estate 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 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.

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Reopen Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:30 PM and as there were no further matters to come before the Council a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Ms. Siciliano and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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223B. Executive Meeting of November 12, 2019

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