

69. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of the Haworth held on April 28, 2020 by 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 following notice was then read: "This is a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth. 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 Comments

Mayor Ference said the town is doing well with the corona virus situation, weekly updates are presented to the residents, in the last four days there have been only two new cases, all are continuing to follow all the guidelines for everyone's safety.

The mayor further indicated all the councilmembers have been most responsive including submitting their committee reports in writing.

#### Committee Reports

Mayor Ference asked if councilmembers wished to add anything to their submitted reports.

Mr. Rosenberg said Chief Gracey has thanked everyone for all their assistance and a thank you was given by all councilmembers to the Chief.

Ms. Siciliano noted the Haworth School is doing a good job with their on line schooling for the students and the Board of Education will be meeting tomorrow evening to introduce their budget.

Committee Reports- cont'd.

Mr. Poosikian said both the DPW and Fire Department have been following the protocols and explained the members are working separate shifts.

Mrs. Wasser explained the Tennis Committee is unable to get bidders for the court preparation and asked if perhaps the DPW could assist with this work. Mr. Poosikian responded they are willing to help out however certain things in the preparation require licenses regarding application of pesticides but they certainly will help.

Ms. Guenego said the Ambulance is ready to respond to all emergencies. The Board of Health has met she said and Mr. Apa is checking all food establishments for their compliance with the present emergency.

Mr. Bain noted the Recreation Commission did not meet and there is no decision yet on the Summer Camp. He said the Finance Committee discussed the executive order issued regarding extending the grace period for the payment of the May property taxes.

Mr. Regan referred to a settlement with Jersey Mulch.

Following are written received committee reports:

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Mayor Ference referred to the quality of the people rising to this emergency, referred to the Governor's executive order allowing the option of extending the grace period. He then referred to the governor's order allowing towns the option of extending the grace period for the second quarter real estate taxes due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Bain explained this information was received late today extending payment to June 1<sup>st</sup>, noted different opinions on this, some consequences would not be beneficial and a decision can be made after he speaks with the tax collector and CFO.

Ordinance No. 20-04-Placement of Temporary Signs – Adoption

Mayor Ference explained because this ordinance amends the Land Use ordinance it was required it be forwarded to the Planning Board, the Board has responded and the adoption is ready to go forward.

Mr. Regan noted he has received a letter from the Planning Board's attorney confirming the Board's agreement, no further public hearing is required so therefore the council can proceed with adoption of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 20-04-Placement of Temporary Signs – Adoption- cont'd.

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg that Ordinance No. 20-04 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried that the passage of Ordinance 20-04 be advertised as required by law.

Jersey Mulch

Mayor Ference explained the background of this matter regarding the situation at the mulch site at the DPW, complaints being filed, etc.

Mr. Regan explained the agreement which has been drawn between the Borough and Jersey Mulch which now includes certain changes and additions at the request of Mr. Simkins and Mr. Statile.

Mr. Poosikian added payments due from Jersey Mulch to the Borough will be made and they will start moving material from the DPW yard.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mrs. Wasser authorizing the signing of the agreement between the Borough of Haworth and Jersey Mulch.

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

BCUA Rate Increase

Mayor Ference explained the borough has seen a 20 percent increase in the BCUA charges for this year, the situation is being looked at thoroughly, an expert has submitted a proposal to assist the borough in this matter in the amount of \$6600. He said the borough would get his recommendations, it would be money well spent and noted Haworth's charges are extremely higher than other towns in the area.

Mr. Bain responded that he agreed with the hiring of this consultant who has a great deal of experience in this field.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Ms. Siciliano to engage Mr. Paul Malmrose of Tighe and Bond at an amount not to exceed \$6600.00 to review the Borough's sewer service charges.

BCUA Rate Increase – cont'd.

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

Appointments to Board of Health

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried to appoint Jamie Kagan Heit to a three year unexpired term and Dr. Melissa Davidson as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate to the Board of Health.

Greetings by Emergency Services

Mrs. Wasser thanked the Fire Department for greeting residents with lights and sirens in front of their homes to celebrate birthdays and suggested doing this for graduates on a certain day.

2020 Municipal Budget

Mr. Bain noted that all governing body members have received copies of the budget workbook, any questions will be taken as well as comments in order to fine tune the budget then introduction could be introduced also the capital budget will be updated.

Mayor Ference responded that hopefully the budget can be introduced at the first meeting in May.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego and seconded by Mrs. Wasser that the following consent agenda be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills

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Approval of 2020 Temporary Budget

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CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Award of Contract for Disposal of Street Sweepings

WHEREAS, quotations were sought for the disposal of street sweepings; and

WHEREAS, two quotations were received; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Mayor and Council that the quotation from Organic Recycling is responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Organic Recycling, 117A Route 303, Tappan, NY 10983 in the amount of \$4,000.00 as outlined in their proposal dated March 3, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020  
Closed Meeting of February 25, 2020  
Executive Meeting of March 10, 2020  
Closed Meeting of March 10, 2020  
Regular Meeting of March 24, 2020

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.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the council a motion was offered at 8:15 PM by Mrs. Wasser, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to adjourn.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator

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