

105. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
of the Borough of Haworth held on May 28,  
2019 at the Municipal Center

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 Regular 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Bain

Recreation

Mr. Bain reported the recent Fishing Contest experienced a good turn-out with between 50 and 60 participants.

Mr. Bain said registration has increased for the Sumer Camp this year; the Bank of New Jersey has donated \$2,000.00 for Celebrate Haworth Day and the contracts with vendors is being updated in connection with inspections for food sales.

Finance

Mr. Bain noted the Council will be introducing the bond ordinance this evening and explained in connection with a police car being totaled recently a new vehicle will be leased instead of capitalizing it, the insurance payment has been sent and the vehicle is already included in the municipal budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Guenego

Ambulance Corps

Ms. Guenego reported the following: the Ambulance Corps responded to 24 calls last month of which 16 were daytime calls; 198 miles; 69 man hours on call and 240 man hours year to date.

Parks and Playgrounds

Ms. Guenego gave an update on the downtown project, referring to the pre-construction meeting held on May 16, the project is scheduled to start on June 17 with a 90 day calendar and final decisions have been made regarding trees, lighting, etc. and the removal of the previously proposed bump-outs.

Board of Health

Ms. Guenego noted the Board discussed the need for the Fitness Challenge to be re-invigorated, the County is not reporting measles cases in this area and discussed the subject of raising chickens in the Borough and looking at what other towns are doing.

Downtown Project

Ms. Guenego noted a notice will be going out to residents regarding the downtown project and it was anticipated that businesses should be able to remain open during this period.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board approved a subdivision on Whitman Street and reviewed the Borough's Fair Share Housing Agreement at their last meeting and noted their agreement.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rosenberg noted the Board denied an appeal of a shed placement on Maple Street

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported the following:

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Police Department – cont'd.

The Department will be participating in the “Click it or Ticket” enforcement program; Officer DiVite, the youth officer has been working with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in the L.E.A.D. program and these students will be graduating on June 11<sup>th</sup> on the completion of this program.

Members of the Oradell Police Department trained with Haworth officers at a school in Oradell on a Saturday practicing hallway movements and room entries using the Ultimate Training Munitions and the Chief attended the training sessions reporting both squads did an excellent job with the new tactics noting both sessions were taught by Lt. Saudino and an Oradell officer.

The Department recertified in CPR at the Ambulance Building; Lt. Saudino attended a Taser Force Update; Sgt. Morgan attended training for the Rapid Deployment Force and Officer Soltes has been accepted into the Rapid Deployment Team.

The Police Chief has issued commendations to Officers Buono and McKeary for their efforts during the month of April in accomplishing several arrests resulting in several charges and arrests.

The Police Auxiliary at their last meeting discussed many activities they have been assisting with most recently the Memorial Day ceremonies and coming up the Andiamo Run, the 5-K Run, Sacred Heart Carnival and Celebrate Haworth Day.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the following:

The Department responded to 11 calls last month, 7 in Haworth, 3 in Demarest and a mutual standby in Cresskill; 1 meeting, 2 work nights, 1 vehicle extraction drill, 3 activated fire alarms, 4 CO alarms and 1 motor vehicle accident.

The Department is continuing to add more reflective stripes on the fire truck doors for better visibility at night; the firemen’s monument on the lawn of the municipal center was cleaned and Andres Pantelis and Jeremy Ragusa are attending Firefighter 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Haworth School

Ms. Siciliano reported the school has presented their budget, will be discussing a 5 year plan and there are three vacancies on the Board.

Shade Tree

Ms. Siciliano reported the Winter Tree Program has been completed, the front office is always busy with tree calls and 30 trees at the Tree Farm are now ready for purchase.

Swim Club

Ms. Siciliano noted the Club opened this past Saturday with 166 families, 639 members with more coming. She thanked Ms. Celotto for all her help with the memberships and also for all her assistance with the many shade tree issues. Also she said the DPW did a great job in getting the club cleaned up for the season.

Library

Ms. Siciliano reported the BCCLS delivery of library materials will begin in July, 90 residences participated in the recent yard sale sponsored by the Library and the children's librarian Denise Lester has received her MLS and is now fully certified as a Master of Library Science.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

NVRHS

Mrs. Wasser reported the high school has approved their budget and there was concern and petitions filed in connection with the school terminating a teacher.

Building Department

Mrs. Wasser reported all the new hires in this department are doing well.

Seniors

Mrs. Wasser noted the seniors will be holding their barbecue on June 19 on the lawn in front of the borough and all residents are being invited.

Tennis

Mrs. Wasser reported the courts opened this past week-end and more permits are being issued this season.

Borough Attorney's Report

Mr. Regan reported a Fair Share Hearing has been scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in with Judge Farrington presiding in Hackensack, legal notices have been published and the hearing is opened to the public.

Mayor's Report

Events

Mayor Ference said he was pleased to be a judge at the Northern Valley Talent Show and he will be attending the Science Fair at the Haworth School.

The Mayor noted there was a good turn-out at the Memorial Day Parade yesterday with the Haworth School and Northern Valley Bands participating.

Mayor Ference noted the River Keeper Kayak Challenge will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> at the reservoir and asked for participants in this event.

Power Plant

Mayor Ference said he has received information regarding the building of a power plant in the Meadowlands, several towns have issued resolutions opposing it, there is much discussion on environmental issues and he will keep the Council informed for discussion at the next meeting.

Agency on Wheels

Mr. Rosenberg referred to this service where mobile units are now available to each municipality where various functions regarding driver license renewal, renewing registrations, etc. can be obtained and have sent an application form if the Borough wishes to bring these services to the town. To be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-07 – 2019 Multi-Purpose Ordinance

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 19-07 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 19-07 was then read by title only as follows:

NEW BUSINESS- cont'd.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-07 – 2019 Multi-Purpose Ordinance – cont'd.

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, THE RECONDITIONING OF A PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,798,360 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE AMBULANCE CORPS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg that Ordinance No. 19-07 be passed on first reading.

On discussion Mr. Poosikian referred to the trunking radios for the Ambulance Corps included in this ordinance.

Mr. Bain explained the system in connection for all towns as they have to have the same type of equipment for communication instead of multiple radios.

Mr. Poosikian commented that the DPW could use the old radios when they are taken out of service.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Guenego, Siciliano, Wasser. Nays – none. Abstain – Mr. Bain who indicated he had a conflict of interest. Declared carried.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 19-07 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on June 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Consent Agenda

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

Authorization for Field Treatments

WHEREAS, proposals were sought for the preparation of the Memorial Field and the Myrtle Street Field; and

NEW BUSINESS- cont'd.

Consent Agenda – cont'd.

Authorization for Field Treatments – cont'd.

WHEREAS, three proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Mayor and Council after review that the proposal received from The Athletic Field Division, Tri-County Property Maintenance is the most responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to The Athletic Field Division, Tri-County Property Maintenance, 22 Aspen Way, Oakland, NJ 07436 in the amount of \$10,900.00 for preparation of Memorial and Myrtle Street Fields as outlined in their proposal dated February 13, 2019.

Approval of Lifeguards and Other Staff for the 2019 Swim Club Season

BE IT RESOLVED the following are appointed as Lifeguards for the 2019 Summer Season:

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| Julietta Ambartsouian | Alec Balasny       | Luke Connell     |
| Eoin Connell          | Johnny Dominianni  | Taylor Hoyng     |
| Brandon Kim           | Jackie Kim         | John Kim         |
| Katelyn Kucharski     | Emma Lau           | Michelle Lee     |
| Katie Miller          | Ava Miller         | Julia Monaco     |
| Trystan Ng            | Charlie Nyfenger   | Olivia O'Donnell |
| Abby Philips          | Bella Soposato     | Rajan Srinivajan |
| Sophia Suarez         | Hailey Tam         | Alana Verbeyst   |
| Julia Vertleyb        | Francesca Vitulano | Claudia Volpe    |
| Chris Volpe           | Chloe Zampetti     | James Zampetti   |

SUBSTITUTES

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| Allison Chu    | Eren Karaburun    | Niki Woods   |
| Barbara Gilman | Sebastian Bayuelo | Ellie Lester |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following be appointed as Office Staff:

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| Mia Armen  | Sabina Nix | Leia Tam |
| Anna Hoyng |            |          |

NEW BUSINESS- cont'd.

Consent Agenda – cont'd.

Approval of Lifeguards and Other Staff for the 2019 Swim Club Season – cont'd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following be appointed as Managers and Head Guards:

Michael Ives  
Fiona Connell

Chris Armen  
Alex Paspalas

Jon Morrisette

NOTE: Ms. Siciliano abstained from voting on the lifeguard portion of the resolution as her daughter is being approved.

Approval to Confirm Raymond Dembski as Regular Member of DPW

WHEREAS, Raymond Dembski has successfully completed the period of probation as a member of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, DPW Superintendent Simkins and DPW Commissioner Poosikian have recommended that Mr. Dembski be appointed a regular member of the Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council confirm the regular appointment of Mr. Dembski as a member of the Department of Public Works.

Payment of Bills

Authorization for Completion of Pavilion at Memorial Field

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

WHEREAS, proposals were sought for completion of the Pavilion at Memorial Field (labor only); and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended after review that the proposal received from Strama Brothers is the most responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Strama & Brothers Construction LLC, 50 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045 in the amount of \$14,830.00 for the completion of the Pavilion at Memorial Field as outlined in their proposal dated March 25, 2019, funds provided through Account No. C-04-803-113.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Colonna, Westview Terrace referred to the earlier discussion regarding the downtown project and asked if the bump outs were deleted. She was told they were.

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Av. asked about the completion of the pavilion at Memorial Field. Ms. Guenego said it would be soon.

Ms. Borghi then asked if there would be an issue with the scheduling start for the downtown project and the upcoming Senior Barbeque and was told it probably would not effect it.

Ms. Borghi referred to a new sign discussion, noted the history of the sign at the railroad tracks, use of the digital sign and how best to get information out.

Mr. Rosenberg referred to the digital sign which is used at the discretion of the Police Department which they have been generous in responding to requests for its use.

Ms. Colonna then referred to the Memorial Day ceremony where the flag raising was not proper and a few other minor things she noticed at that time.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried at 8:30 PM:

**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 May 28, 2019 at which time the following items will be discussed:

METRO-PCS  
Personnel Matters – DPW  
Declaratory Judgment  
Police Equipment

Close Meeting to Public – cont'd.

**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 items and when determined by the Governing Body that the Borough's interests will not be adversely affected.

Reopen Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:35 PM.

Department of Public Works Employees

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Bain and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an Agreement and General Release with Thomas Gaspari in connection with his resignation as an employee with the Department of Public Works effective June 12, 2019 and to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a Release with John Mormino in connection with his retirement from the Department of Public Works effective June 27, 2019.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned on motion duly offered, seconded and carried at 9:40 PM.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC. CMC  
Clerk-Administrator

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