

127. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
of the Borough of Haworth held on June 25,  
2019 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. Thomas J 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 7:35PM 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.

Ordinance No. 19-08-2019 Swim Club Salaries – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 19-08 be offered for second reading.

Ordinance No. 19-08 which is as follows was then read by title only as copies had been provided for those present:

Ordinance No. 19-08-2019 Swim Club Salaries – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing – cont'd.

The meeting was opened to the public on this ordinance. As there were no comments the meeting was closed to public discussion.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Ms. Siciliano that Ordinance No. 19-08 be passed 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.

Ordinance No. 19-08-2019 Swim Club Salaries – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing – cont'd.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that the passage of Ordinance No. 19-08 be advertised as required by law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Bain

Recreation

Mr. Bain reported the Summer Camp is scheduled to start on July 8 and run to August 9, orientation was held with the staff and the program will include two days a week of swimming at the Swim Club. He noted the Mid-Summer Night's Jam will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Field.

Finance

Mr. Bain reported a meeting was held to discuss the upcoming bond issuance and the Borough will work with the auditor and other professionals in this regard. He noted estimated tax bills were mailed today.

Report of Councilwoman Guenego

Ambulance Corps

Ms. Guenego reported the following: the Ambulance Corps responded to 28 calls last month – 26 daytime; 157 miles; 6 motor vehicle crashes; several mutual aid calls; man hours on call 321; notable activities included participation in the Memorial Day Parade and certification of 13 people in CPR.

Parks and Playgrounds

Committee did not meet.

Downtown Renovation

Ms. Guenego reported it is unclear when the contractor can start this project and she distributed drawings of proposed lighting fixtures for this area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Guenego – cont'd.

Board of Health

Ms. Guenego reported the Board hosted a presentation from the County regarding ticks and mosquitoes and explained the many steps which can be taken to minimize the mosquitoes however there is no system wide method regarding the ticks.

Mayor Ference suggested a videotape of this presentation which could be made available at the library.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Zoning and Planning Boards

These boards did not meet but the Planning Board will meet on July 17 and the Zoning Board will meet in August, Mr. Rosenberg noted.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported the following: the Department took part in the firearms qualifications in May with Officer Reinecke as head instructor with the assistance of Lt. Saudino; the Chief and Lt. Saudino attended the Bergen County Memorial Service which was well attended by family members of police officers who died in the line of duty; Chief Gracey has moved up to the rank of third vice president of the Bergen County Chief's Association; 119 summonses were issued last month and the Chief has indicated that Officer Carey has completed his probationary period and the Chief has recommended he be appointed a regular member of the Department.

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that Officer Christopher Carey be appointed a permanent member of the Haworth Police Department.

Mr. Rosenberg further reported all the parking signs on Franklin Street are now consistent with "no parking" during school hours, the situation is much improved and the residents are very pleased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the following: the Department responded to 12 calls last month; held one meeting and three work nights, cleaned all the trucks for Memorial Day and participated in the parade and two members are still attending Firefighter 1.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the Department is cutting grass, working on the baseball fields, cleaning brooks and did all the preparation for the Memorial Day Parade.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Swim Club

Ms. Siciliano reported the Club opened full time this past week-end, membership is lighter this year, a blanket e-mail will be sent out to last year members who have not joined as of yet and suggested lawn signs as a reminder.

Web-Site

Ms. Siciliano referred to the report of monthly usage with ‘notable characters’ most used and there will be a table at Haworth Day to sign up to receive messages from the Borough’s site.

Haworth School

Ms. Siciliano reported graduation was held last week, a lock-in drill was held, there is now a translation service at the school and there will be some construction projects at the site this summer.

Library

Ms. Siciliano reported the Summer Kick-off was held, the summer reading program is beginning, yoga classes are scheduled and the new delivery program is starting.

Shade Tree

Ms. Siciliano noted the Commission will be doing their usual fall planting program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

NVRHS

Mrs. Wasser noted this graduation was held last week.

Environmental Commission

The Commission will be meeting tomorrow night Mrs. Wasser said and discussion is being held regarding anti-idling signs which it is felt would be helpful.

Discussion was held regarding the Commission recommending various ordinances re. plastics, etc. and the Borough Attorney should be preparing document.

Report of Borough Administrator

Ms. Fay reported that bids were taken on June 20<sup>th</sup> for Phase 2 of the Playground, one bid was received which is in excess of the appropriation for this project.

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to reject the bid received for the installation of Phase 2 for the playground as the bid received is in excess of the appropriation.

Mayor's Report

Events

Mayor Ference reported the Senior Picnic had to be cancelled due to bad weather and has been rescheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor noted he attended the Haworth School graduation last week which was extremely pleasant.

DOT Grant

Mayor Ference reported the Borough received a fully executed contract with the DOT for the improvements to Massachusetts Avenue and Terrace Street.

Fair Share Hearing

Mayor Ference reported on this hearing held on June 20<sup>th</sup> with various participants which was very effective and pleasant, the Borough's Planner did an excellent job, there were no

Mayor's Report – cont'd.

Fair Share Hearing – cont'd.

questions from the parties the Borough has been negotiating with, the judge's decision approved and certified the plan, all played a significant role and the process was a great team effort.

Mr. Regan commented that the judge recognized the Mayor and Councilmembers for their efforts in this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-09 – Amendment to Land Use Regulations

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg that Ordinance No. 19-09 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 19-09 was then read by title as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XXVI OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH ENTITLED,  
“LAND USE REGULATIONS”.**

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Bain that Ordinance No. 19-09 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 Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 19-09 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on July 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-10 – Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 19-10 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 19-10 was then read by title only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE EXISTING BOROUGH ORDINANCE IN CHAPTER XXIII  
ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION”**

Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-10 – Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance – cont'd.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Ms. Siciliano that Ordinance No. 19-10 be passed on first 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 Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 19-10 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on July 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Restoration of Reserved Parking for Borough Employees and Officials

Mayor Ference explained the number of spaces in the borough parking lot that had been reserved in the past and then removed four years ago and that now the upcoming Downtown Project will effect more parking issues in the area. He said at this point the matter is just for discussion.

Ms. Wasser asked the number of police vehicles parked in this area. Discussion included signage on Haworth Avenue, patrons with small children going to the library and various other matters relating to the parking issues.

The meeting was opened to the public on this matter.

Ms. B. Potter, library employee said that in speaking with the library employees no one wants parking for “employees only” at the borough hall and noted the number of parallel parking spots for the police.

Mayor Ference suggested looking at this matter for various solutions and a reasonable proposal discussion at the second meeting in July.

Appointment of DPW Superintendent

Mr. Poosikian reported the DPW Committee met with all department employees and Mr. Simkins and it was unanimously recommended to appoint Mr. Chris Simkins as superintendent with a 2% raise for 2019.

Mr. Rosenberg commented that all members of the Department have said they have confidence in his leadership.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg to appoint Mr. Chris Simkins as permanent Department of Public Works Superintendent in accordance with terms set in borough ordinance.

Appointment of DPW Superintendent – cont’d.

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

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the following consent agenda was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg:

Refund of Escrow Deposit

WHEREAS, the following escrow amount was established with deposits to offset expenses; and

WHEREAS, the following amounts were expended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following refund be made:

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>REFUNDED</u>
Christopher Calvert	Eng. Escrow	\$700.00	\$350.00	\$350.00

Approval of Raffles Licenses – Women’s Club

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Off-Premise, 50/50 Raffle Application of the Haworth Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. #RA-470 to be held at 23 Hardenburgh Road on September 8, 2019 be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Appointments to Community Development

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth has entered into a Three Year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Borough Council appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2019-2020 term starting July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby appoints Michael Bain as its representative and Andrew Rosenberg as its alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Mayor Emeritus John Dean DeRienzo as his representative and Mayor Ference will serve as the alternate representative to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2019-2020; and

Appointments to Community Development – cont'd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original copy of this resolution be forwarded to Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen County Division of Local Government, One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Purchase of Engine Control Module for DPW Truck

BE IT RESOLVED authorization is given for the purchase of an Engine Control Module for Truck No. 420 in the amount of \$3,034.30 from Deluxe International Trucks, Inc., 600 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 through the Bergen Country Co-operative No. 18-18.1.

Purchase of Transmission for DPW Truck

BE IT RESOLVED authorization is given for the purchase of an Automatic Transmission for Truck No. 416 in the amount of \$2,841.00 from Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc., PO Box 650-815 Wernsing Road, Jasper, NJ 47547 through the Bergen County Cooperative No. 18-19.1.

Approval of Payment of Bills

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SEE PERMANENT MINUTES  
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Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of May 28, 2019  
Closed Meeting of May 28, 2019

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

Authorization to Sign 2019 Salary Increases

Mr. Bain and Mr. Rosenberg explained the past procedures in this matter and it was agreed that the Mayor and Councilmembers would waive the salary increase.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor, Finance Chairman and Borough Administrator be authorized to sign the document indicating 2019 salary increases for Borough employees.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. R. Weyer, Dumont thanked the Council for their efforts in clearing the monument at Memorial Field, particularly since she had just told the Borough the day before the work was undertaken.

Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Pl., praised the appointment of Mr. Simkins who he said has been very helpful to both him and the Tennis Committee over the years. He then offered some suggestions in connection with the parking situation at the borough hall.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered at 9:10 PM by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Bain 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 June 25, 2019 at which time the following items will be discussed:

DJ Action (Affordable Housing)  
Personnel – Police  
Tennis

**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.

Reopen Meeting to Public

Police Chief Salary

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Bain to approve a 4% salary increase for Police Chief Gracey effective July 1, 2019.

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

Tennis

A motion was offered by Mrs. Wasser and seconded by Ms. Guenego to approve the Tennis Committee holding a tennis tournament on June 29, 2019, from 9-6 PM with a permit to serve beer after 12 noon and only to the participants on the condition that after the completion of the tournament the Borough will be paid directly by the conductor of the tournament who shall be reimbursed by the Borough and on the providing of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as the insured.

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

Street Lighting on Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Poosikian and other councilmembers met with the engineer regarding lighting needed on Massachusetts Avenue and to identify the poles from Chestnut Bend to Houston Place.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator



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