



Councilman Poosikian reported that the DPW has continued its Monday chipping routes. Spring cleanups have begun on all Borough properties. The mold in the basement has been remediated, and the grooming of ballfields has begun. The Fire Department reported a total of 22 calls for March. Two work nights were conducted. Members attended the Easter Egg Hunt and displayed their equipment. Haworth has assisted other towns at their fire incidents.

Councilwoman Siciliano reported that the snack stand will have the ideal vendor this summer. Wraps, sandwiches, juices will be sold, and hot foods will be delivered from the restaurant. Foods cannot be prepared on the Swim Club premises. The heater will be looked at. There will be a cleanup day this Sunday. For Shade Tree, the winter work is finishing up. Arbor Day is this Friday at the school. Haworth is a Tree City for the 20<sup>th</sup> year in a row. For the first time it is also a Tree Growth City. The Website contract contains a design update, so she is looking into making it more user friendly. The Building Department issued 22 new permits and 1 permit update in March. Town regulations concerning sump pumps revisited. Pickleball applications are online. Estimates have come in for the lighting; they will be forwarded to Councilman Rosenberg. Councilman Poosikian spoke about the amount of water being pumped out of houses due to the increase in storms and the need to regulate sump pump configuration and use.

Councilwoman Davis reported that the Environmental Commission cleanup is Saturday. Thank you in advance to the DPW. Eighth graders are eligible for community service. NVD had an unscheduled lockdown today. It was a false alarm. There is no cause for alarm.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT** no report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** The Mayor explained that the building suffered some flooding and damage in the basement below the Police Department; some air quality issues and black mold resulted. The remediation has been done and will be covered by insurance. A federal grant has been applied for.

**CLERK'S REPORT** no report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(AR) Temporary Capital Budget Approval**

**Resolution 2024-71**

Whereas, the local capital budget for the year 2024 has not been adopted

Whereas, it is desired to Introduce a Capital Ordinance

Now Therefore Be it Resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen

That the following temporary capital budget amendment of 2024 be made.

(See attached budget sheet)

Councilman Rosenberg moved to approve the Temporary Capital Budget, second Councilman Poosikian.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.

Nays: None

Carried.

Councilman Rodino moved to advertise, second Councilwoman DiIorgi. All in favor. Carried.

**(AR) Adoption on Second Reading by Title Only**

**Bond Ordinance #2024-11**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UPGRADING OF THE PICNIC AREA AT THE HAWORTH SWIM CLUB IN, BY AND FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$115,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.**

**Meeting Open for Public Discussion**

A member of the public asked how this would be paid and was told that most of the money has already been paid.

**Meeting Closed to Public**

Councilman Rosenberg moved to approve Bond Ordinance # 2024-11, second Councilwoman Davis.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.

Nays: None

Carried.

Advertising for 2024-11 was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(DS) Introduction on First Reading by Title Only**

**ORDINANCE #2024-10**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL TREES IN THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH**

Mayor Wasser shared that the state has mandated a tree ordinance to cover all trees. The Council entered into an in-depth discussion about the ordinance, and Councilwoman Siciliano took detailed notes. Substantive points of discussion were the timing of response to the applicant, the sizes of replacement trees, and the fees to be charged. The public was involved in the discussion. The Ordinance was tabled to the May 14 meeting.

**(GP) Introduction on First Reading by Title Only**  
**ORDINANCE #2024-12**  
**PRIVATELY OWNED SALT SHEDS #2024-12**

This is a stormwater required ordinance. Councilman Poosikian moved to introduce Ordinance #2024-12, second Councilman Rodino.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.

Nays: None

Carried.

Councilman Rosenberg moved to advertise, second Councilwoman DiIorgi. All in favor.

Carried.

**(MR) Introduction on First Reading by Title Only**  
**ORDINANCE #2024-13**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH ENTITLED, "PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND RECREATIONAL AREAS"**

**Councilman Rosenberg moved to introduce Ordinance #2024-13, second Councilwoman Davis.**

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.

Nays: None

Carried.

Councilman Rodino moved to advertise, second Councilman Poosikian. All in favor. Carried.

**(MR) DCA Bike Path Grant-Lake Shore Drive** Funds are being received for a bike path running from Oradell to Maple. No one requested the redirection of the grant. However, there was concern about parking and also that this is a main road for first responders. Care would have

to be taken to make sure that the creation of the bike path does not make it harder for emergency vehicles. Discussion.

**(DS) Shack Shed Concession-Resolution for Award of Contract 2024-72-Addendum A**

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve Contract 2024-72, second Councilwoman Davis.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.

Nays: None

Carried.

Councilman Rosenberg spoke about the resident on Garfield who was encroaching on public property. The attorney has drafted a release and indemnification that will be sent out tomorrow. There was no dissent from the Council.

A resident on Pleasant wants to buy a lot on Whitman (15,000 square feet) that backs up to their property. Councilman Rosenberg is inclined to refuse the request. The Council is in agreement with the refusal. Councilman Rosenberg will respond.

The budget will most likely be introduced at the first meeting in May. Councilmembers will receive a budget workbook before the May meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The Mayor read the following: 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**

Minutes Approval March 12, 20224

Minutes Approval March 26, 2024

Resolution 2024-73 Receipt of Bids for Haworth Swim Club Pool Painting Project-Addendum B

Resolution 2024-74 Payment of Bills-Addendum C

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second Councilman Poosikian.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.

Nays: None

Carried.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION** A resident from Owatonna street asked about the tree ordinance fines and how they would be enforceable. He asked what would happen if people cut

down trees and removed the evidence. Councilwoman Siciliano explained that Google Earth could be used to discover what was there earlier. The highest fine would be imposed. The tree escrow fund was also discussed.

A resident asked about the placement and variety of replacement trees. Discussion. She also asked whether there was a provision in the ordinance prohibiting trees as a border. Also discussed was the intent of the ordinance.

Mr. Dreler brought up the property on Haworth Avenue that had many trees cut down very recently. Discussion.

A resident asked about the flooding in the basement. Councilman Rosenberg explained the issue and that it is being rectified.

A resident asked about legalities of specific water discharge.

A resident asked for specifics of the work being done on the front yard of the school. MR. Poosikian explained that seepage pits are being added.

Mr. Holden asked whether the bike path grant covers the entire cost and was told that it does.

### **CLOSED TO PUBLIC SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION Time:** Councilman Rodino moved to go into Closed Session, second Councilman Rosenberg. All in favor. 9:20 pm.

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and 5

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT-TIME: 9:35pm**

Councilman Poosikian moved that the Borough fund the replacement of the sidewalk at 226 Haworth Avenue because the Borough tree caused the damage, second Councilwoman Davis.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Davis, Siciliano, Poosikian, Rosenberg, DiIorgi, Rodino.  
Nays: None

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT TIME** Councilman Rosenberg moved to adjourn, second Councilwoman Davis. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

**Addendum A**  
**Resolution 2024-72**  
**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FOOD**  
**CONCESSION (ALSO KNOWN AS “THE SNACK BAR”) AT THE HAWORTH SWIM**  
**CLUB FOR THE 2024 POOL SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haworth has advertised for proposals for the operation of the food concession (also known as “the Snack Bar”) at the Haworth Swim Club for the 2024 pool season; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the aforesaid advertisement, a bid was received from Rugiles Kitchen, LLC (“the Vendor”), 32 Pine Drive, Emerson, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vendor submission has been determined to be consistent with the specifications for the proposed work.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a contract is hereby awarded to the Vendor for the operation of the food concession at the Haworth Swim Club for the 2024 pool season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Heather Wasser and Interim Borough Clerk Ann Bistriz, be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract and any other necessary documents in connection therewith.

**Addendum B**  
**Resolution 2024-73**  
**RESOLUTION ADVERTISING FOR THE RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE**  
**HAWORTH SWIM CLUB POOL PAINTING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that improvements are required for the Haworth Swim Club pool in the form of acid washing and painting of two swimming pools.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Interim Borough Clerk Ann Bistriz be and is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bid proposals for the aforesaid project.

**Addendum C  
Resolution 2024-74  
Payment of Bills**

**WHEREAS**, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Haworth in the following amounts under various funds of the town:

Current Appropriations (2023)	\$	2,783.00
Current Appropriations (2024)	\$	2,048,509.57
General Capital Fund	\$	130,014.95
Senior Activities	\$	-
Swimming Pool (2023)	\$	-
Swimming Pool (2024)	\$	163.14
Swimming Pool Capital	\$	-
Municipal Donation Trust	\$	-
Animal Trust/Dog Fund	\$	81.00
Affordable Housing	\$	5,579.50
Trust/Escrow	\$	2,549.89
Unemployment	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,189,681.05</b>

**WHEREAS**, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, Borough Council, and the Chief Financial Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Haworth and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Council and Chief Financial Officer and Department Head be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purpose specified below:

Payroll- Salaries/Wages	04/15/24	\$	156,261.35
Payroll- Salaries/Wages		\$	-
Pensions		\$	801,324.14
Debt Service		\$	-
Debt Service Interest		\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>957,585.49</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth



that the claims totaling **\$3,147,266.54** be approved and ratified respectively.

This is a certified copy of minutes approved at the Regular Mayor and Council meeting of the Borough of Haworth held on May 14, 2024.

Ann H. Bistriz  
Interim Clerk