

48. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on February
23, 2016 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John W. Smart, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Anthony Volpe
Michael Bain
Lawrence Weiss
Regina Duffy

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Smart 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 Smart led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

2016 Budget Presentations

Municipal Court

Ms. Janet Gallagher, Municipal Court Administrator explained that the court budget is almost the same as last year plus \$500 for an acting judge if needed. As to the capital budget requests included are security, etc. for the court required by the State from last year which have not been complied with and most likely will eventually be needed to be done, she said.

Ms. Gallagher noted the following safety measures have been installed: bullet proof glass in the window in the court office which the State wants to also be installed under the window and a shield under the desk in the council chambers. She said the State wants motion sensor lights installed in the chambers, interlocking chairs and outside signage indicating directions to the court.

Mr. Bain asked what item is most imperative and Ms. Gallagher said it would be the light switches.

2016 Budget Presentations – cont'd.

Revenue Administration

Mrs. Diane Holden explained a possible small increase in the cost for tax bills and homestead credits, noted other items in this budget including postage, dues and subscriptions, convention attendance which every other year she and Ms. Wheeler attend and their association quarterly meetings. Also included in this budget is equipment, legal advertising and an addition this year for alternate tax payment options at a cost of \$1200 and consideration of the installation of a mail slot for payments.

Tax Assessment

As Mr. Rubenstein was not able to be present Mrs. Holden explained the following items included in the Assessor's budget: postage, dues, equipment maintenance, appraiser and legal fees for the White Beeches tax appeal and added assessment inspections.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. A. Reithmayr and Mr. N. Nakashian were present. Mr. Reithmayr explained items in the Ambulance Budget, noting \$37,250 was their original request, but \$1400 may have to be added for an automatic equipment machine. As to capital items, included are turn-out gear, pagers, physio trainer, first responder vehicle and a power load arm for the ambulance which picks up a stretcher.

Department of Public Works

Mr. T. Kelly, Superintendent explained his budget is almost the same as last year with some increases for equipment supplies, diagnostic soft wear and sand and chemicals; also included in budget is a tool allowance for the mechanic who uses his own tools and repairs to street signs.

Mr. K. Simkins, member of the Department explained the capital budget requests as follows: brush chipper (current one is 14 years old); replacement body as opposed to a whole new truck; mower/snow machine; compact tractor; miscellaneous tools and equipment and fuel monitoring system for multiple departments. He said the number one priority is the brush chipper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Weiss

Swim Club

Mr. Weiss reported he met with Mr. Ives, the club manager and discussed several of the area pools closing; a spring clean-up day will be scheduled and replacing the roof on the pump house is being considered as well as other repairs.

Environmental Commission

Mr. Weiss explained the need for one more member and a resident has expressed interest.

Finance

Mr. Weiss reported the Committee is meeting regularly regarding the budget and thanked the department heads for their presence this evening which he appreciated.

Report of Councilman Bain

Library

Mr. Bain reported the Board met to discuss their budget needs and the Director is pleased with the participation and programs at the library.

Recreation

Mr. Bain noted the Commission has finalized the director and assistant director's positions for the Summer Program, discussed membership for out of town campers with higher fees as well as the upcoming Egg Hunt and Fishing Contest.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board, at their last meeting approved revised plans and an application for a swimming pool at a residence on Haworth Drive.

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg noted the February meeting of this Board was cancelled and they will be meeting in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg referred to a recent incident where Lt. Ryan used great police skills in subduing an individual; 123 summonses were issued and Sgt. Saudino is continuing his SWAT training.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 36 calls last month, 31 day time, 295 miles, man hours on call 73.5 and man hours for duty nights 1092. He noted call volume was up significantly from November and December of last year.

Activities included two calls in support of the Fire Department to evaluate carbon monoxide exposure of residents and a three car accident with both Haworth and Dumont ambulances transporting patients to the hospital, he said.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Poosikian noted the receipt of bids for the Winter Tree Program has been advertised with a bid opening on March 15th.

Report of Councilman Volpe

Parks and Playgrounds

The committee did not meet for a lack of a quorum.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Volpe reported the Department dealt with two snowstorms, explained their work scheduled for the heavy storm and work at the school clearing that area went well. He said the Department also cleared the snow from the downtown area and at Borough Hall, are involved in branch chipping, maintenance on equipment and working on the new street signs.

Mr. Volpe discussed changes in the collection of recyclables and Mr. Radburn will be meeting with the school and also with the business owners to obtain trash and recycling information in order to obtain credit for the town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Volpe – cont'd.

Mr. Poosikian referred to the new recycling regulations which is resulting in containers around town containing co-mingled material.

Mr. Volpe explained the Department sorts the material except for the containers at Chestnut Bend and in the downtown as they are too contaminated.

Mr. Poosikian said this material is too difficult for the DPW to sort.

Report of Councilwoman Duffy

Fire Department

Mrs. Duffy reported the Department responded to 13 emergency calls last month which included activated and mutual aid alarms, an electrical fire, storm stand-by and police assistance for total man hours of 364 for the month. The Department drilled at Grant Street, the ladder truck is being repaired and scheduled events included Department drills and work nights, Mrs. Duffy noted.

Tennis

Mrs. Duffy noted she met with Mr. Chval regarding the Committee's budget, the Committee held their reorganization meeting naming Mr. Chval chairman, Mrs. Fand treasurer and bids are being sought for the preparation of the courts.

Seniors

Mrs. Duffy noted the chairpersons for this group are meeting with the Haworth Country Club to determine what the Club can offer the senior program.

Board of Health

This Board did not meet.

Flag Donations

Mrs. Duffy noted donations are being sought to replace the flags in town and names of donors or others will be put on the flags. She further noted this is not a fund raiser.

Mayor's Report

Department of Transportation Grant

Mayor Smart reported the contract has been received from the State Department of Transportation for the Haworth School Pedestrian Safety Improvements grant the Borough received with the work to be completed by July 2017.

NJ League of Municipalities

Mayor Smart noted he attended the recent Legislative Day in Trenton where discussion included Pensions, the Transportation Trust Fund and the Fair Housing situation.

Trails Grant

Mayor Smart reported the Borough has received notification that this grant was not awarded and noted the few awards which were made were mostly for walking trails.

Haworth School

Mayor Smart noted he hosted the 4th graders at the Borough Hall for a lesson in municipal government and a tour of police headquarters.

NEW BUSINESS

Support of Mutual Aid Plan Updated to Include Use of Bergen County Swat Team

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

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

NEW BUSINESS – cont'd.

Support of Mutual Aid Plan Updated to Include Use of Bergen County Swat Team – cont'd.

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Haworth Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Police Department of the Borough of Haworth, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

Approval of Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County – Fire Truck Loaner Program

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Volpe and unanimously carried:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council hereby approve a Shared Services Agreement for Short Term Emergency Sharing of Fire Apparatus between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Haworth and the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign such Agreement attached herewith.

Appointment to Environmental Commission

Mayor Smart appointed Ms. Erin Postman as a member of the Environmental Commission for a three year term to December 31, 2018.

Appointment of Web Master

Mayor Smart responded that Ms. Gallagher has resigned from this position and he was requesting the approval of the appointment of Ms. Moira Renke who has a great deal of experience.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Volpe and seconded by Mr. Weiss:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of Moira Renke as the Borough's Web Master for a term to December 31, 2016 at an annual salary of \$1,040 plus a Project Fee of \$100 per week for a 10 week period effective February 23, 2016; funds to be provided from the Borough's Donation Trust Fund.

On discussion Mr. Poosikian noted the Project Fee doubles the salary for this job and asked if this was a one-time fee to which Mayor Smart responded it was.

On voice vote all members voted in the affirmative. Declared carried.

Payment of Bills

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

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST
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PAGES 56A – 56K

Approval of Minutes

A motion was offered by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried to approve the Recessed Meeting of January 3, the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, the Executive Meeting of January 12, the Regular Meeting of January 26, the Closed Meeting of January 12 and the Closed Meeting of January 26, 2016.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mrs. D. Holden asked in connection of the hiring of the new web master if she could sit in on any training sessions to which the Mayor responded, yes.

Mrs. Holden suggested advertising in the newspaper for campers for the Recreation Summer Program.

Mr. Bain responded the information will be sent out via e-mail, the school, etc.

Mrs. Holden asked if the Borough will be participating this year in the Senior Service Program from the high school.

Mr. Poosikian responded it could if needed. Mrs. Holden responded there will be a large group of seniors this year looking for jobs.

Mrs. Holden suggested circulating a reminder for the flag donation program.

Mr. A. Reithmayr discussed a problem the Ambulance Corps members are having with the active 911 service, missing calls and receiving no response from the County.

Mayor Smart said he will contact the Bergen County facility.

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

Field Use

Mr. Volpe reported he has received the first check for use of the Knickerbocker Field from out of town teams.

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

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

