

11. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on January 14, 2014 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

Councilmembers: Vincent Iacobino  
Glenn Poosikian  
Mary Anne Groh  
Andrew Rosenberg  
Anthony Volpe  
Michael Bain

Mayor DeRienzo 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 notice: "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 Star Ledger and 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 DeRienzo led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
NJ League of Municipalities	Concerns with Portions of Senate Bill Re. Shared Services	All Council
Green Sky Industries	Forwarding September Recycling Check - \$1,737.84	Mrs. Groh
BCUA	Notice of Recycling Workshop January 24	Mrs. Groh Mr. Radburn

In connection with the Green Sky payment, Mrs. Groh noted the Borough has also received the payment for October 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilwoman Groh

Haworth School

Mrs. Groh reported she attended the Board of Education's reorganization meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at which time Ms. Donna Weintraub was recognized for her 12-1/2 years as a Board member, the 2014 meeting schedule was set, new members of the Board were sworn in, appointments of professionals were announced and included in the agenda of this meeting was a school tax payment plan whereby the school expects to be paid by the Borough on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.

Mrs. Groh further reported she met with members of the staff at the school on January 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss recycling at the school, the meeting went very well, was informative, she informed those present of the present recycling regulations, gave them recycling stickers for their containers and there will be a follow up with the administration to assure the school is following the recycling regulations.

Recycling

Mrs. Groh said she has received correspondence from a firm indicating a payment for recycling of electronics which she has forwarded to the recycling coordinator and there may be revenue for the town for electronic recycling.

Mrs. Groh noted she will be attending a Recycling Workshop on January 24 sponsored by the BCUA.

Finance

Mrs. Groh noted a proposal from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins has been received for auditing services with their rates for 2014 which she will be reviewing, noting that the fee for the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement was included in last year's services.

Mrs. Groh noted the Municipal Budget introduction date has been extended to March 14 and adoption to April 25 this year. She said she has met with the Mayor in connection with the budget process and most department budgets have been submitted.

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Report of Councilman Iacobino

Swim Club

Mr. Iacobino reported proposals have been received from the Nautilus Swimming Pool firm for the painting of the pools for the upcoming season and for the summarizing service which will be reviewed with the Pool Committee.

Mrs. Groh asked if the amounts were under the bid threshold and are other proposals being sought.

Mr. Iacobino responded the amounts are under the bid threshold, this firm is very familiar with the inner workings of the facility; one proposal has been received and another will be sought.

Report of Councilman Volpe

Parks and Playgrounds and Environmental Commission

Mr. Volpe noted these two groups did not meet last month.

Fire Department

Mr. Volpe reported the Department responded to 10 emergency calls in December – 4 activated alarms in Haworth, 5 mutual aid alarms in Demarest and 1 brush fire; total calls for 2013 – 199; total man hours for December – 133.9 and total man hours for 2013 – 2321.97. Mr. Volpe further reported Ladder 169 is repaired and back in service and the Chief thanked the Mayor and Council for their continual support of the Department and their efforts in obtaining and approving the emergency funding for these repairs. He noted that Engine 161 is being scheduled for repairs during the next month.

Mr. Volpe reported activities during December included the Santa/Candy Cane detail and the Sacred Heart bonfire/Santa detail at the church; December drill and training consisted of search and rescue procedure review, apparatus operation review and inspection of all equipment and training in January will consist of driver training/pump operations, ground and ladder deployment training, Right to Know and Blood Borne Pathogen training and rescue air bottle training.

Mrs. Groh commented that the Blood Borne Pathogen training is now on-line through the Joint Insurance Fund.

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Report of Councilman Bain

Library

Mr. Bain reported he attended the Library Board last evening at which time members were sworn in and the Library Budget was submitted for 2014.

Recreation

Mr. Bain reported the Commission will be meeting at the end of this month.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 19 calls last month, 16 daytime calls, 269 miles, man hour calls – 86, duty nights 1,116. He noted for 2013 there were a total of 330 calls, 3,358 miles, 1,618 man hours on call and 13,392 hours for duty nights. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> members will be sworn in for 2014, Mr. Poosikian noted.

Board of Health

Mr. Poosikian reported the Board will meet on January 23 and sponsored the Rabies Clinic last Saturday.

NVRHS

Mr. Poosikian reported he attended the Board meeting at which time the Random Drug Testing program was presented, it was well attended, the majority appeared to be against this program, Mrs. Groh also attended commenting on the legal ramifications of the program and the program will be voted on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the Department put up holiday lights in various areas of the Borough, readied their snow equipment, salted roads during the recent storms, are collecting Christmas trees, cleaning storm drains and have completed the leaf collection in town.

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Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board has heard one site application for 209 Schraalenburgh Road, it was a better prepared proposal from a previous application at this site and has been approved by the Board.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported last month the Department monitored and coordinated traffic for the holiday caroling at Sacred Heart assisted by the Auxiliary and no problems were reported; Detectives Saudino and Fox attended the Bergen County Detectives' group end of year meeting which organization consists of several regionalized areas of the County that share information and intelligence regarding criminal activity within Bergen County and surrounding areas.

Mr. Rosenberg further reported the upgrade of the traffic lights at Haworth Avenue and Valley Road have been completed with replacement of the incandescent bulbs with new LED traffic lights; the upgrade of Haworth Avenue and Schraalenburgh Road lights will be completed this month. He said studies have shown that the LED traffic lights are brighter which makes them easier to see and thus safer and require less electricity and the installation of generator transfer switches and outdoor receptacles on both intersections' traffic lights has been completed, thereby enabling the operation of the traffic lights with portable generators in the event of a power outage.

Mr. Rosenberg reported that on December 4<sup>th</sup> Officer McGuire and Lt. Gracey conducted an arrest of an individual for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia and on December 3 and 12<sup>th</sup> there were two reports of burglaries to vehicles in the town, both were unlocked and various articles were stolen from the vehicles.

Report of Borough Administrator

Ms. Fay reported a successful free Rabies Clinic was held last Saturday at which time 40 animals were vaccinated.

Mayor's Report

Infiltration/Inflow Reduction Program

Mayor DeRienzo explained this program is being conducted by Boswell Engineering through the BCUA involving 500 homes, a letter has been prepared by Boswell to the homeowners and a meeting has been scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Haworth School to explain

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Infiltration/Inflow Reduction Program

the program. He asked the council members to review the letter to be sent and a synopsis of the program will be placed on the Borough's web site.

Reports

Mayor DeRienzo requested that Fire, Police and Ambulance monthly reports be given to the entire Council.

2014 Municipal Budget

Mayor DeRienzo noted lists of items to be purged from various ordinances were given to all councilmembers, however, to this date there has been no response; they should be received prior to January 27<sup>th</sup>, councilmembers should be meeting with department heads in connection with their budgets and debt service and revenue figures are being prepared.

Special Meeting

It was concurred that a Special Meeting be scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Groh referred to the Special Meeting of December 23, 2013, Page 246 regarding police overtime and budget transfers which should read "she asked if there is any mechanism for monitoring the accumulation of overtime."

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the executive meeting of December 4 and the regular meeting of December 10, 2013. Mr. Bain abstained. Declared carried.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Iacobino and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the special meeting of December 13, 2013 as amended. Mr. Rosenberg (being absent from the meeting) and Mr. Bain abstained. Declared carried.

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Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was duly offered, seconded and carried at 8:00 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth, as follows:

1. That the Governing Body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, shall exclude the public from the next portion of this meeting in order to discuss matters pertaining to negotiations, legal matter.

2. That the items under discussion in the closed meeting will be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the matter.

Re-Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:55 PM.

Library

Mayor DeRienzo discussed staffing at the library, exit interviews, etc.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator