20. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on January 22, 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 with the exception of Mrs. Wasser who arrived later. 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 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.

Correspondence

Letter From	Subject	Referred to
Suez	Invitation to Presentation on Watershed Property Management – January 31st	All Council
Suez	Information re. Lead in Drinking Water	All Council

Mayor Ference referred to the correspondence noting the information from Suez regarding lead in the water has been posted on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Ms. Guenego

Ambulance Corps

Ms. Guenego reported the Corps' installation will be held on February 17, a new member has joined, Dana Miller and the Ambulance Corps will hold their second CPR class on February

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Report of Ms. Guenego – cont'd.

Ambulance Corps – cont'd.

3rd. She further reported members of the Ambulance Corps attended a meeting of the Pascack Valley Ambulance Association at which time a discussion was held regarding how the Ambulance Corps members would be used in an active shooter situation, the need for coordination with the police if there would be such a situation and looking at obtaining vests for members.

Ms. Guenego reported the following: in December the Ambulance Corps responded to 19 calls, 14 daytime; average in town response time was 6 minutes 50 seconds; year-end report indicates 223 calls, 164 daytime; 2,165 miles and 878.9 man hours on call for the year.

Parks and Playgrounds

Ms. Guenego said this Committee is conducting inspections of parks, listing items which need to be addressed in the upcoming budget and a new member is joining the Committee.

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego, seconded by Ms. Siciliano and unanimously carried that Stacy Chamberlain be appointed a member of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee to a two year unexpired term to December 31, 2020.

Board of Health

Ms. Guenego reported the Board did not meet in January however members have been meeting at a Mental Health Roundtable, getting information on the website, etc. and looking at various programs.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board held their first meeting, re-organized, re-elected Dennis Posen chairman and discussed a resolution in connection with the St. Gabriel application which should be finalized at their next meeting.

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg said this Board re-organized, Mr. Bernard Troy has rejoined the Board and will serve as chairman, two new members have been appointed which gives the Board a full complement, there was further discussion on the re-examination of the Master Plan and the Planner will work on this draft.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported a letter has been received from the school crossing guards for their requests for the year, for new guards there will be an increase in sick days and he will report back on this matter.

Mr. Rosenberg then referred to unused sick time for the police, explained the method whereby they can sell back one half in the year and can no longer accrue sick days for terminal leave payment.

Mr. Rosenberg then reported on the final overtime figures for the past year which is the lowest amount since 2010.

Mr. Rosenberg noted Chief Gracey has been sworn in as Recording Secretary for the Bergen County Police Chief's Association; the Chief and Lt. Saudino attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon and read a letter from the Chief concerning a bias incident in October and 1217 summonses were issued in 2018.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Municipal Court

Mr. Poosikian reported there is a new prosecutor, Carter Corriston and he has attended the first court session with a smooth transition.

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the following: in November the Department held a meeting night, work night, a drill at the Fire Academy and responded to 11 activated fire alarms; in December there was a meeting night, work night, drill and they responded to 13 activated alarms.

Mr. Poosikian further reported the Department conducted the annual Santa detail around town and celebrated two milestones with Tom Grady serving 60 years and Rosemary Weyer 40 years as members of the Department.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Shade Tree Commission

Ms. Siciliano reported the Commission met early in January, a contract has been awarded for the Winter Tree Program and several trees in town need to be evaluated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano – cont'd.

Swim Club

Ms. Siciliano reported she is meeting with Mr. Ives, the Club manager, starting the year and is planning on more community involvement with the Club this season.

Library

Ms. Siciliano noted the Library Board has met with new members being sworn in, the 2019 budget has been submitted by the Director, several recent programs have been held including Holiday Music, the Menorah Lighting, the Children's Librarian held a New Year's Eve at Noon program, attended by 75 people, 6,000 people have been counted coming into the library and an Adult Reading Program is underway.

Ms. Siciliano noted the trees in the back of the library need pruning and questioned who is responsible for doing this and it was suggested to inform the Shade Tree Commission. Also the parking issue at the Municipal Center was discussed.

Haworth School

Ms. Siciliano reported the reorganization was held early in January, she attended the recent Wellness Round Table which she said should be community wide involvement.

Web-Site

Ms. Siciliano reported four candidates for the webmaster have been interviewed, they are good candidates and there needs to be a real overhaul of the website.

Tree Farm

Mayor Ference asked what is going on at the tree farm. Mr. Poosikian responded it had become overgrown and needed to be organized; it has been cleared out, further work needs to be included in this year's budget and there is a plan for rows of trees planted each year.

Mrs. Wasser then arrived at the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

Environmental Commission

Mrs. Wasser noted this organizational meeting will be held later in the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser – cont'd.

Seniors

Did not meet.

Tennis

Mrs. Wasser requested correction to the minutes of the January 6th meeting to reflect the correct confirmed tennis committee members at that time: Joe Albarella, Lia Album, Robert Contillo, Bob Kutik, Charles Lachman, Chip Meyer, Jill Schnatterly, Allen Weisinger.

Mrs. Wasser reported the Committee held their reorganizational meeting at which time Mr. Albarella was re-elected chairman; Mr. Kutik elected as vice-chairman; Ms. Album, secretary and Mr. Lachman, treasurer. She said Mrs. Fand would be sent a note of gratitude for her service, Mr. Stephen Chval was welcomed as advisor to the Committee. Mrs. Wasser said the Committee has submitted an initial budget and is working through ideas for improvements for the upcoming season.

Appointment to Tennis Committee

A motion was offered by Mrs. Wasser, seconded by Ms. Guenego and unanimously carried that Dayana Marchisio be appointed a member of the Tennis Committee.

Environmental Commission

Mayor Ference noted Dr. Kahn, a resident is advocating solar panels which information he will be sending to the Commission.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Fay reported a successful Rabies Clinic was held at the Borough Hall with 45 pets vaccinated.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ference reported he spoke with a number of people in connection with storm preparations forecasted for last week-end; he attended the Library Board meeting and other committee and commission meetings; met with Mr. Sullivan, the coordinator for the Senior Van and it was noted the OEM Coordinator, Mr. Sullivan's appointment is for three years.

Technical Assistant – Building Department

Ms. Fay reported three people were interviewed for this positon and she was recommending Carolyn Lee who has a background in zoning and planning, discussion was held regarding the hourly salary and Ms. Fay was directed to contact Ms. Lee in this regard.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-01 – 2019 Administrative Salaries

A discussion was held regarding certain items in this ordinance and it was concurred to hold the ordinance for introduction at the February executive meeting.

Appointment to Fire Department

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Ms. Siciliano and unanimously carried that Jeremy Ragusa be appointed a member of the Haworth Fire Department.

Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Raffle License

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the On-Premise, 50/50 Raffle Application of the Knights of Columbus #RA-468 to be held at 102 Park Street on March 8th, 2019 be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Authorization for Police Department Outside Employment Rate

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-11, Section 2-30.11 d provides that an annual resolution be adopted to establish the rates of compensation for outside employment of off-duty law enforcement officers and administrative fees; and

WHEREAS, the vendor is responsible to pay a minimum of four hours at the established rate of compensation plus administrative and vehicle fees regardless if the job takes less than four hours; and

WHEREAS, a vendor cancelling a requested job must provide notification to the Haworth Police Department of at least one hour; otherwise such vendor shall be responsible to pay a four hour minimum at the established rate of compensation, plus administrative and vehicle fees. In all cases officers are paid at their established rate of overtime.

Authorization for Police Department Outside Employment Rate

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that rates of compensation to the Borough of Haworth from the vendor for outside employment of off-duty law enforcement officers and administrative fees for the year 2019 are as follows:

Law Enforcement Officers	$110.00 per hour
Administrative Fee	Ten percent (10%)
Vehicle Fee	Fifteen percent (15%)

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Avenue, said she is working on the Parks and Playgrounds budget with Ms. Guenego and in connection with that said the security cameras at the parks are not working, she is checking with the Chief for a price, there is vandalism, etc. in these areas, noted the need for the cameras and questioned whose budget should be charged.

Mr. Rosenberg commented there is need for cameras in the Borough Hall also.

Mayor Ference said it will be worked out whose budget would be charged for the cameras.

Ms. Borghi then said the lights at the gazebo are not working and questioned who is going to replace them.

A discussion was held regarding an electrician determining what the problem is.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried at 8:45 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 January 22, 2019 at which time the following items will be discussed:

Close Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Plumbing Inspector Status
Affordable Housing DJ – Letter to Residents
Public Safety Tactics and Personnel
Personnel - Webmaster

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 10:30 PM.

Webmaster

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried to offer a one year appointment to Ms. Janet Gallagher as the Borough's Webmaster at an annual salary of $3200.00.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned by motion duly offered, seconded and unanimously carried at 10:35 PM/

C. E. Fay

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator