

215. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
of the Borough of Haworth held on  
November 12, 2013 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

Councilmembers: Stephen Chval  
Vincent Iacobino  
Glenn Poosikian  
Mary Anne Groh  
Andrew Rosenberg  
Anthony Volpe

Borough Attorney: Peter J. Scandariato

Mayor DeRienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and upon roll call 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 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.

Police Auxiliary Promotions

Mayor DeRienzo noted this was a very special event marking promotions in the Auxiliary.

Chief Campbell said the Police Auxiliary is an all - volunteer organization assisting the Police Department and that he has great respect for them. The Chief noted they give back to the community, come out at any time of the day or night, some are also members of the Ambulance Corps and they are now moving up in rank.

Mayor DeRienzo then administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Nick Fazio, Sgt. Nubar Nakashian, Sgt. Andy Reithmayr, Lt. Buddy Garlasco and Captain Thomas Cusanelli.

Capt. Cusanelli thanked the Mayor and Council, the Police Chief and the Police Department for their support, said he was honored to be able to assist and the more hands and eyes throughout the town is good, they help with traffic and are proud to serve.

Mayor DeRienzo commented on the outstanding volunteer spirit in the town.

Ms. D. Berman, president of the Ambulance Corps introduced Alan Dickstein as a new member of the Ambulance Corps and congratulated him on his completion of several courses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Chval

Finance

Mr. Chval reported that all tax liens have been settled. Mrs. Groh commended Ms. Holden for her efforts in making this happen.

Report of Councilwoman Groh

Library

Mrs. Groh reported on the change in management at the Library; the new Director resigned, a part time interim director is presently in the library; the full time supervising assistant resigned and that position has been filled with a part time person. Mrs. Groh noted the repairs to the children's room have been completed; state funding for the library is down significantly from last year in connection with the equalized valuation figure to \$309,000.; last year the Borough funded over what the library received and the Library Board will be asking for an additional \$36,000. next year.

Haworth School

Mrs. Groh reported that as a result of the election last week three board members were elected – Ms. J. Guenego, Mr. J. Ashkenase and Mr. M. Gilbert.

Northern Valley Regional High School

Mrs. Groh reported on the ongoing opposition to the proposed Random Drug Testing at the high schools.

Report of Councilman Iacobino

Police Department

Mr. Iacobino reported the Department participated in the recent United Water Drill; Lt. Gracey attended the AAA Traffic Awards at which time the Borough received an award for excellence and commended Lt. Gracey for his efforts in pedestrian safety.

The Department also participated in the Trick and Trunk event at the school distributing candy; Sgt. Saudino and Officer Yanuzzi conducted a presentation at the school in connection with National Crime Prevention Week and the Department assisted at the Halloween Trick or Treating in the Manor Section.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Iacobino – cont'd.

Recreation

Mr. Iacobino noted instead of the Holiday Party this year there will be town-wide Winter Gala in February.

Report of Councilman Volpe

Environmental Commission

Mr. Volpe reported the recent Clean-Up Day was a success and the Commission met with the Shade Tree Commission in connection with a new tree ordinance which will be distributed for review.

Parks and Playgrounds

The Committee did not meet as they had no quorum present, Mr. Volpe said.

Fire Department

Mr. Volpe reported the following:

The Department responded to 13 calls in October – 9 mutual aid calls in Demarest, 2 activated fire alarms in Haworth, 1 hazardous condition and 1 CO alarm; probationary FF Polbos and FF Pesch have taken their written exams and practical testing and have passed both; probationary FF Simkins is progressing well at the Academy; the Junior Auxiliary is progressing well; the Department participated in the United Water Drill, Emergency Services Night; attended the Trick and Trunk at the school and attended the Ragamuffin Parade; a department drill was held consisting of vehicle extrication tools and stabilization devices.

Appointment to Fire Department

A motion was offered by Mr. Volpe, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried to appoint Donald Wuentz a member of the Haworth Fire Department.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning Board and Zoning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported these two boards did not meet and the Planning Board will continue its discussion in connection with land use regulations at their next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Commission has held a joint meeting with the Environmental Commission regarding the Borough's tree ordinance.

Contracts

Mr. Rosenberg noted that he has reviewed the contract for the library addition and will meet with Mr. Scandariato in this regard.

Halloween

Mr. Rosenberg thanked the Police Department and the DPW for their assistance at this recent event.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian noted the leaf collection is going well.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 28 calls last month – 23 daytime calls, 298 miles, two transportation calls, three mutual aids, 132 man hours, 1,116 duty hours, 37 gallons of fuel used.

Mr. Poosikian noted the Ambulance Corps participated in the Health Fair, the United Water Drill, EMS night at the school and 5-K Run in New Milford.

Mr. Poosikian further noted a committee is being formed in connection with some residents' concern regarding the horn at both the firehouse and ambulance building; the Committee will include a representative from each emergency service, the council, OEM coordinator and the residents and several different horn systems are being looked at. He said there will be a capital budget request for consideration of new horns.

Mayor's Report

Events

Mayor DeRienzo noted the many number of events which have been taking place in town and that this coming Sunday will be the last day of the Soccer Clinic with mothers vs. the players.

Withdrawing of Complaint

Mr. Rosenberg referred to a complaint to the Ethics Board which was never filed in connection with an item discussed in a closed session; Mr. Scandariato explained the procedure regarding the type of information becoming a public record.

Communications

Mr. Poosikian explained a proposal regarding the OEM to increase the Borough's ability to use the program Swift Reach, there is limited ability now, the Borough is looking to increase all communications with residents and the Police Chief is looking at the costs.

A discussion was held regarding the existing contract with Swift Reach, adding addresses and sending e-mail addresses directly to the Borough's web site which there is a desire to expand.

Endorsement of Community Development Application – Senior Van Drivers

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Chval and unanimously carried:

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$5,500.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Haworth for Senior Van Drivers in the municipality of Haworth, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Haworth, and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Endorsement of Community Development Application – Senior Citizen Activities

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

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$8,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Haworth for Senior Citizen Activities in the municipality of Haworth, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Haworth, and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Award of Leaf Machine Contract

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Chval and unanimously carried:

**WHEREAS**, following public advertisement as required by law, sealed bids for a Self-Contained Vacuum Leaf Collector were received by the Municipal Clerk on November 7, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, one bid was received at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid document received; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that funds are available as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a contract for a Self-Contained Vacuum Leaf Collector be and is hereby awarded to the ODB Co., 5118 Glen Alden Drive, Richmond, VA 23231 in the amount of \$36,319.00.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract in a form prepared by the Borough Attorney.

Authorization of Grant Extension – Municipal Alliance Grant

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Chval and unanimously carried:

For resolution,  
see Page 223A of permanent minutes.

Authorizing Publication, Printing & Distribution of Notice of Sale for Bonds

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Chval and seconded by Mr. Iacobino:

For resolution,  
see Page 223B of permanent minutes.

On discussion, Mrs. Groh referred to any input on the payment schedule.

Mr. Chval responded the auditor and bond counsel are involved in the schedule.

Mrs. Groh said the Finance Committee had no input on the schedule and she was disappointed.

Mr. Volpe commented that he had specifically asked for Mrs. Groh to be involved in the transition aspect of a new finance chairman and there was no finance committee meeting held in this regard.

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

Combining Several Authorizations of Bonds into a Single Issue

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Chval, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried:

For resolution,  
see Page 223C of permanent minutes.

Request for Qualifications

Mr. Volpe requested that the Borough Administrator advertise for RFQ's.

Mayor DeRienzo asked that a list be made as to whom the request would be sent.

Mrs. Groh replied, all the professionals.

Request for Qualifications – cont'd.

A motion was offered by Mr. Volpe and seconded by Mrs. Groh to advertise for 2014 RFQ's and RFP's at the same time.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Iacobino, Groh, Rosenberg, Volpe. Nays – none. Abstain – Mr. Chval. Declared carried.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. R. Weyer thanked all for the proclamation she received in recognition of her 35 years of service to the Fire Department, noting it was a big surprise for her.

Ms. B. Colonna, West View Terrace, noted the ethics complaint referred to earlier and said she was disappointed there was no apology.

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

Payment of Bills

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Chval, seconded by Mrs. Groh and unanimously carried:

For copy of resolution and bill list,  
see permanent minutes  
Pages 223D – 223T.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Groh said she was abstaining from voting on the October 2 meeting as she was not present.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Chval and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the executive meeting of October 2, 2013. Mrs. Groh abstained.

In consideration of the October 14, 2013 minutes, Mrs. Groh said there should be notations of disagreements in connection with the discussion regarding the Best Practices Questionnaire.

A motion was duly offered, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8 and the special meeting of October 14, 2013, as amended.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried:

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 contract negotiations.

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 10:15 PM and as there was no further business to come before the Council adjourned on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator







































