

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

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

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

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor DeRienzo called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 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	Interest Arbitration Awards	All Council
NJDEP	Status of Municipal Stormwater Permit	All Council Engineer
United Water	2014 Fire Protection Charges	All Council Finance

On discussion, Mrs. Groh referred to the United Water correspondence and the potential for the installation of new fire hydrants which would amount to an approximate additional \$1300. per year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Iacobino

Shade Tree

Mr. Iacobino reported the Commission has re-organized and accepted the bid from Arrow Tree Service for the Winter Tree Program.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Board has re-organized and accepted the summary of applications heard last year, Mr. Iacobino noted.

Swim Club

Mr. Iacobino said he will be meeting with the Pool Manager on February 12th on the upcoming season, budget, etc. and then will meet with the Swim Club Committee.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Northern Valley Regional High School

Mr. Poosikian reported the Board of Education voted down the proposed Random Drug Testing Program by a 5-4 vote.

Board of Health

Mr. Poosikian reported this Board has met and reorganized, co-presidents are Mrs. Hayes and Dr. Davidson and discussion was held regarding the expansion of the Summer Health Fair.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian referred to the several recent storms, the Department is extremely busy with snow removal and received a delivery of salt which they are using sparingly due to a current shortage.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Corps held their installation brunch on February 2nd at which time all members were sworn in. He said they responded to 28 calls last month, 23 daytime calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 78 duty hours and 209 miles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Bain

Environmental Commission

Mr. Bain reported the Commission has re-organized, discussed several initiatives including awareness of the latest recycling disposal situation.

Recreation

Mr. Bain said the Commission has re-organized and discussed various upcoming activities including the Summer Program.

Library

The Board is working on its budget and will not request additional funds from the Borough for this year, Mr. Bain said. He noted the electric, plumbing and foundation for the new addition have been completed and the contractor is waiting for warmer weather to continue the project.

Report of Councilman Volpe

Haworth School

Mr. Volpe reported new Board members have been welcomed including Ms. Guenego who was re-elected, noted a safety concern with students walking on the ice on the pond and acknowledged the month of January as School Board Recognition Month. He further reported the Board discussed an upgrade on district goals and the revised policy for the lightening detection system.

Fire Department

Mr. Volpe reported the following:

The Department responded to 5 activated fire alarms in Haworth, 9 mutual aid calls in Demarest, 1 hazardous condition, 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 smoke condition; total calls for January were 18, total man hours 267. Activities consisted of fire officers meeting, department work/training night, ladder/driver training, bloodborne pathogen and right to know training and an ice rescue drill on the pond. Training for February will consist of Sunday training, driver training/pump operations, self contained breathing apparatus re-certification and mask fit testing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Volpe – cont'd.

Parks and Playgrounds

Mr. Volpe reported the Committee welcomed Mrs. Borghi as a member and also new members of the Decoration Committee. He said they have solicited local landscapers to participate in helping maintain the pond area plantings, etc. and are obtaining quotations for several signs in town.

Sports Committee

Mr. Volpe reported a meeting was held with the Recreation Director in Closter regarding combining the Demarest and Haworth baseball program. Also, he said, the Committee met with the Haworth School superintendent in connection with the use of the gym during the school breaks and discussed the master turf permit.

Web Site

Mr. Volpe noted new software upgrades for the site which he has discussed with Ms. Gallagher and that during the month of January into February there were 240 unique hits including a report of criminal activities which residents were looking at.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board, at their January meeting, discussed land use revisions and are awaiting the final version.

Board of Ethics

Mr. Rosenberg noted this Board will meet in March to set up rules and regulations, etc.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported that members of the Department re-certified in the Bloodborne Pathogen training and CPR resuscitation training will begin conducted by Officer Yanuzzi during the Department's own schedule thereby eliminating overtime. He said the DARE Program is starting at the school; incidents included a recent bomb scare at the high school, an attempted kick-in at a residence in town and a motor vehicle accident during one of the recent storms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Police Department – cont'd.

Mr. Rosenberg further reported the Police have a new link on the Borough's website to the Police Department for regular updates, etc. resulting in more contact with the residents.

Report of Councilwoman Groh

Seniors

Mrs. Groh noted the seniors will be starting this year's program with a St. Patrick Day's luncheon on March 18th hosted by the Police Department.

Recycling

Mrs. Groh reported she attended a recent BCUA recycling workshop with various representatives present who discussed a "Swap and Shop" program for electronics recycling and the "Green Fence" situation with importing recyclable materials to China which have resulted in environmental issues in that country, particularly with plastics and they are trying to control what is being imported in China and trying to find a balance. She noted that tonnage from Green Sky saw an 8 percent increase this past year.

Tennis

Mrs. Groh said this committee has not yet met this year.

Finance

Mrs. Groh reported documents have been filed in Trenton including the Annual Debt Statement and the Annual Financial Statement, a written surplus policy has been requested and she has requested PERS enrollment forms from the Finance Department.

Mrs. Groh noted that the trash hauler was not in town one day in January and payment will be withheld for that collection day. Mr. Regan referred to the Borough's contract which indicates that if there is severe weather and they notify the Borough in advance payment cannot be withheld.

Revaluation

Mrs. Groh reported the Finance Committee met earlier this evening with the Tax Assessor on this matter; the matter is in its preliminary stage, she said.

Mayor's Report

Storms

Mayor DeRienzo complimented all emergency services for their assistance during all the recent storms, noting Fire Department members and Boy Scouts dug out all the fire hydrants in town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Budgets

Mayor DeRienzo noted copies of capital requests have been given to all councilmembers which includes the road improvement program, resulting in a down payment of approximately \$24,469. for the budget. He said he and Mrs. Groh will review these requests.

As to the OE budget, Mayor DeRienzo listed department budget requests still missing, they need to be submitted at the end of the week so the budget workbook can be prepared, he said.

NEW BUSINESS

Protocol for Council Meetings

Mayor DeRienzo referred to the requirement that documents be forwarded 48 hours prior to council meetings which poses a problem for the Finance Department; Mrs. Groh will discuss this issue with the Finance Department.

Participation in Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force

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

WHEREAS, the Bergen County police departments 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, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with such emergencies as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, terrorist incidents, bombings, and state and national emergencies; and

Participation in Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force – 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 uniform procedures 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 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 Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Haworth Police Department, 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 this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

Overpayment of Real Estate Taxes

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund the overpayment of 2014 property taxes to the following homeowners:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO:</u>	<u>2014 TAXES</u>
805	3	Ronald Ramirez 482 Herkimer Ave Haworth, NJ 07641	\$ 4,002.00
1706	9	Robert & Patricia Eby 170 Franklin St. Haworth, NJ 07641	\$ 4,310.00
Total			\$ 8,312.00

Ordinance 14-01 – Department of Public Works Salaries – cont'd.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mr. Iacobino that Ordinance No. 14-01 be passed on first reading.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Iacobino, Poosikian, Groh, Rosenberg, Volpe. Abstain – Mr. Bain - (he was not a member of the Council when this contract was approved). Declared carried.

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 14-01 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on March 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Ordinance No. 14-02 – 2014 Administrative Salaries

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mrs. Groh that Ordinance No. 14-02 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-02 was then read by title only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION,
BENEFITS, STIPENDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
AND CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH,
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY**

On discussion, Mrs. Groh said the annual fee for the Borough Attorney should be deleted since he is an hourly employee. She then discussed the paragraph concerning longevity in the ordinance which she said should be deleted noting her desire to freeze longevity payments, this language should not be included, it is not needed and is included in the Borough's Code, she said.

Mr. Regan commented that if it is established in the Code, it is not necessary and is a policy decision.

After discussion on the longevity inclusion in the ordinance, Mr. Regan suggested revising this section to read: "longevity shall be consistent with Personnel Policy and Ordinances, provided that effective January 1, 2014 new hires will not be eligible for longevity payments."

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Volpe and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 14-02 be passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-02 – 2014 Administrative Salaries – cont'd.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Volpe and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 14-02 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on March 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Ordinance No. 14-03 – Police Dispatchers Salary

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mrs. Groh and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 14-03 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-03 was the read by title only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION,
BENEFITS AND WORK CONDITIONS FOR POLICE DISPATCHERS OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY**

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino and seconded by Mr. Poosikian that Ordinance No. 14-03 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance 14-03 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on March 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center,

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mr. S. Chval, Woodland Place referred to the correspondence from the League of Municipalities regarding interest arbitration awards.

Mr. Volpe explained that if in 54 days the legislature does not act, the 2% cap would go away.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills

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

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES
PAGES 39A - 39I

Approval of Minutes

Referring to the January 14, 2014 minutes, page 16, Mrs. Groh requested the language in the first paragraph be revised to read "Mrs. Groh then asked if there is any mechanism for monitoring the accumulation of overtime."

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Volpe and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the recessed meeting of January 5, the reorganization meeting of January 5, the regular meeting of January 14 (with the above noted correction) and the special meeting of January 27, 2014.

Swim Club

Mrs. Groh said she would like to see alternate types of membership, perhaps a half of summer membership and would like to see residents involved in club matters.

Mr. Iacobino discussed various problems with a half membership.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Iacobino and unanimously carried at 9:00 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 contract negotiations.

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

Reopen Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:15PM and as there was no further business to come before the Council adjourned on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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