

105. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on May 14, 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 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 led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Swearing In of Police Auxiliary Officer James DiVite

Mr. Iacobino introduced Sgt. Gracey who welcomed Mr. DiVite explaining he has attended eight weeks of training and congratulated him on his efforts.

Mayor DeRienzo, noting that Auxiliary members Reithmayr, Cusanelli and Nakashian were present, thanked the Auxiliary for their service; they are out when needed and their efforts are most appreciated.

Mayor DeRienzo then administered the Oath of Office to James DiVite.

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Harrington Park School	Notice of Lightning Meeting May 22, 8 AM in Harrington Pk.	All Council

Correspondence – cont'd.

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Council on Affordable Housing	Trust Fund Current Balance	All Council Boro. Atty. Dr. Ference Mr. Hakim

In connection with the letter from the Council on Affordable Housing, Mrs. Groh asked about a response to COAH.

Mayor DeRienzo responded the Borough has prepared a Spending Plan which was forwarded to COAH, however, no response was received; the NJ League of Municipalities is bringing a law suit in the matter and the Bergen County League of Municipalities believes these funds should be used for affordable housing and for which there is a great need in Bergen County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Chval

Tennis

Mr. Chval reported the court preparation is running late this season but is progressing.

Report of Councilwoman Groh

Haworth School

Mrs. Groh reported the Board of Education held a special meeting to interview five candidates for the Board and three seats are up this year. The Board approved the school's participation in the lightning detection system at a cost of \$5500., she said.

Board of Health

Mrs. Groh reported the Board welcomed two new alternate members at their meeting last week. She said the Board is planning a new event – a Mini Health Fair at the Splash Party in July which will include several programs – skin cancer screenings, blood pressure screenings, exercise class, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Groh – cont'd.

Library

Mrs. Groh reported the Board is pleased with the additional funding they received which they are not using now, but will by year end. She noted many new programs at the Library including “Expertise on Terrace Street”; last week-end’s fund raiser was a huge success, may reach \$20,000. and the event included fingerprinting for children.

Mrs. Groh further reported the Board discussed advertising bids again for the library project which was then tabled due to a legal question. She said efforts will continue on this project.

Farmers Market

Mrs. Groh said the market probably will not be returning this year as the farmer is not participating, she is trying to reach out to other farmers, however, the long travel distance is a problem.

Report of Councilman Iacobino

Police Department

Mr. Iacobino reported on recent vandalism at Memorial Field where graffiti was painted on much of the equipment, an anonymous tip was received, the matter was investigated, interviews were conducted with those involved, all admitted to participating and the Borough will be reimbursed for the labor and material used in the clean-up.

Swim Club

Mr. Iacobino reported 91 families have joined so far and the DPW and volunteers have cleaned the area at the club.

Recreation

Mr. Iacobino noted the recent Fishing Contest was held on an excellent day. He said the Summer Recreation has been cancelled due to the school undergoing construction projects, Haworth residents who have applied for jobs as counselors will be employed for various jobs in town.

Mrs. Groh noted there are only four members serving on the Recreation Commission and they should have a full complement.

Mr. Iacobino responded that those vacancies will be filled and Mayor DeRienzo asked that any names be forwarded to Mr. Iacobino.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Volpe

Mr. Volpe noted that the Parks and Playgrounds Committee and Environmental Commission did not meet.

Sports Committee

Mr. Volpe reported the Committee has prepared a master field schedule including all fields and the schedule will be on-line shortly.

Fire Department

Mr. Volpe reported the Department responded to 14 calls in April; total calls for 2013 to date, 55; total man hours for April 272 and year to date, 840. He further reported the Chief and several members attended a “Fireground Decision Making” lecture; Firefighter Ferra is concluding his training and Firefighter Polbos is attending classes at the Fire Academy.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Rosenberg reported members will be meeting with Mr. Bill Comery for tree education in connection with Tree City certification and are discussing a tree ordinance.

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg noted the Board will be meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the Sustainability Element of the Master Plan and for consideration in a change to the front yard setback requirement.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rosenberg reported at the Board’s May meeting approval was given to one application on McCulloch Place.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported members responded to 31 calls last month, 26 daytime calls, 268 miles, 164 duty man hours, with duty nights of 1,116 hours. He said the Corps also participated in a mutual aid call in connection with the weight of a patient.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Poosikian – cont'd.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the spring clean-up has been completed; 10 tons of asphalt has been used with the hot patch trailer and a FEMA representative has been checking on the stump removal situation of which 17 are involved in sidewalk and roadways. He said the Department is cutting and trimming, assisted with the Fishing Contest, preparing for Arbor Day and the new radios are in and the base station installed.

Web Site

Mr. Poosikian reported the most active site on the Borough's website is Notable Characters.

Mayor's Report

Bergen County League of Municipalities

Mayor DeRienzo reported he attended the League's meeting this morning at which time Congressman Pascrell was the featured speaker and discussed federal grants available for Police and Fire Departments.

Arts Committee

Mayor DeRienzo noted the Radio Broadcast scheduled for May 18.

Borough Scavenger

Mayor DeRienzo reported a meeting was held with a representative of the Borough's trash hauler to discuss missed pick-ups, the trucks not being permitted in town before 7 AM and a concern with the speed of their trucks in various areas of town.

Unfinished Business

Mayor DeRienzo noted the Municipal Budget is a working document and if councilmembers have specific concerns they should meet with Mr. Chval.

As to the 2013 Multi-Purpose Ordinance introduced last week, the Mayor said he has no intention of breaking a tie when the ordinance is scheduled for adoption, noting that every item included in the ordinance has to be approved before its purchase. He asked that between now and next week members should meet with Mr. Chval on this matter.

Unfinished Business – cont’d.

In connection with the ordinance, Mrs. Groh said she wants to meet at the Ambulance Corps building regarding their storage requirements.

Mr. Poosikian referred to the pick-up truck which is included in the ordinance and since it is on state contract the limited number of vehicles available is an issue regarding the adoption of the ordinance.

Northern Valley Community Development

Mayor DeRienzo reported the Borough will receive \$2500. for the senior van driver along with Harrington Park receiving \$2500. which is now a combined amount for the two towns and Haworth will receive \$3500. for senior activities.

Cancellation of Capital Ordinance Balance

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

WHEREAS, there appeared open of record unexpended balances of certain ordinance appropriations, and those projects have been completed; and

WHEREAS, a numerical transposition error occurred in the amount of some of these balances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the following cancellation of ordinance appropriation balances be reversed:

General Capital Fund

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Cancelled Amount to be reversed</u>
2008-971A	Playground Benches	36.00
2008-971E	Parking Lot	36.00
	Total	\$ 72.00

Other Matters

Mrs. Groh reported the bathrooms at Memorial Field were not opened recently and asked whose responsibility it is to open them.

Other Matters – cont'd.

Mayor DeRienzo responded it is the coaches' responsibility and noted recent acts of vandalism with the bathrooms being left unlocked.

Mrs. Groh then questioned out of town private soccer lessons being given at the Myrtle Street Field and also at the turf field at the school and asked what is the policy regarding this matter.

Mr. Iacobino responded no permits have been issued and noted the insurance coverage situation in this regard.

Mayor DeRienzo explained the permit process regarding Soccer and Baseball.

Mrs. Groh mentioned pick-up games at the school field which are not organized groups.

Mayor DeRienzo responded that would be the school's responsibility.

Mrs. Groh suggested putting requirements for obtaining building permits and their cost on the Borough's website.

As to the Loss Control Report received recently from the Borough's insurance carrier, Mrs. Groh said she has passed it on to the Library and asked how this report compared to last year and questioned the inclusion of inspections from the fire and ambulance corps facilities.

Mayor DeRienzo responded inspections are conducted for every Borough facility.

Mrs. Groh then said she has read reports that the Interboro service is free.

Mayor DeRienzo explained the County plan and that the County may take over the 9-1-1 payment portion of the dispatching service, however that has not been implemented yet.

Mayor DeRienzo reported the DOT paving of Sunset Avenue is expected to commence on June 3.

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.

Payment of Bills

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

Payment of Bills – cont'd.

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Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Groh requested that the minutes of the April 3 executive meeting be removed at this time for approval.

A motion was offered by Mr. Chval, seconded by Mrs. Groh and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2013 be approved.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

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