

144. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the  
Borough of Haworth held on July 9, 2013 at the  
Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor

Councilmembers: Stephen Chval  
Vincent Iacobino  
Glen 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 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 Bicycle Officer

Mr. Iacobino introduced Police Officer Alex Yannuzzi.

Officer Yannuzzi thanked the Mayor and Council and Chief Campbell for their support in obtaining the police bike, noting he has always wanted to be in touch with the community which is accomplished by him being out on the bike. He said he participated in five days of training at the Police Academy which was an extensive course attended by many police officers around the County. He said he likes the way he can reach out and be approachable as he rides the bike and he will be at events in town where concentrated groups of people are gathered.

Officer Yannuzzi noted the bike will allow him to travel on Flats Road where there have been complaints regarding dogs. He said the bike will result in more of a presence with children regarding safety, helmet wearing, etc.

Ordinance No. 13-06 – 2013 Multi-Purpose Ordinance – Continuation

Mr. Poosikian explained that in an effort to respond to concerns of some members of the Council regarding the \$80,000. appropriation in the ordinance for an addition to the Ambulance building, he has come up with an offer which would eliminate three items – the stretcher, pagers and one half of the turn-out gear resulting in a reduction of \$20,300. He said the members have offered to take out these items and finance them themselves. He noted the building is owned by the town and its maintenance, etc. should be paid by the Borough with the other items their responsibility. Mr. Poosikian suggested the ordinance be amended to remove those three items.

Mr. Chval suggested passing the ordinance as is and then prepare a resolution to delete those items.

Mr. Scandariato said if the ordinance is not adopted as introduced the process would have to be started over.

Mrs. Groh commented on the need for this project, not only the issue of the dollar amount, noting she has suggested alternate storage areas, explained ideas she has presented, however, it appears that nothing short of an addition is wanted.

Mr. Volpe questioned if neighbors in the area have been notified as the Ambulance Corps Committee said they would keep them in the loop.

Mr. Poosikian responded that committee was only about the horn and it was felt the neighbors would have preferred the addition as opposed to a metal shed which had been proposed.

Mr. Rosenberg said he felt something could be done regarding storage issues, he has had a conversation with Mr. Reithmayr in connection with numerous things that could be done so that the building would not have to cost so much, i.e., donation of labor, etc. and what can be donated by qualified labor.

Mr. Poosikian commented this is a shell – not a finished building and there may be some insurance issue regarding donated labor.

Mayor DeRienzo said the Ambulance Corps officers met regarding compromises, etc. and felt this was the best approach.

Mr. Volpe referred to the ability of the Ambulance Corps to fund raise.

Mayor DeRienzo said the Ambulance Corps finances everything, however, the building is owned by the Borough.

Random Drug Testing – NVRHS District

Mayor DeRienzo explained he is meeting with the NVRHS Superintendent next Tuesday and the mayors from the sending districts and he has asked for talking points for this meeting from Mrs. Weintraub and Mrs. Hertzberg who discussed this matter at last week's council meeting.

Mrs. D. Weintraub, Herkimer Avenue, thanked Mrs. Groh for her reference to the Board's policy in connection with Northern Valley being out of compliance in providing 10 hours of drug and alcohol instruction, having no health instruction with regard to alcohol and drug use for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and said the school should be aware of their own policies.

Mrs. Groh said she has prepared a proposed resolution regarding the implementation of random drug testing at the high school.

Mayor DeRienzo commented the police departments are now involved in statistics regarding drug and alcohol use at the school. He said this is not a war with the Superintendent or School Board – it is just trying to understand the process.

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

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On discussion, Mayor DeRienzo said he felt this was overstepping boundaries and the Superintendent should be given an opportunity to explain the program.

Mrs. Groh responded that there are policies at the high school for working with the municipalities, this resolution is just to show the concern for additional information and she felt there was no harm in passing it at this point.

Mr. Rosenberg commented it is not an objection, but it should be done in an appropriate manner.

Mr. Volpe said he did not think the Council should be getting involved – that is why there is an elected board, however, all this resolution is saying there is a need for more information as it has not been vetted out enough.

Mayor DeRienzo noted the opportunity to meet with the school officials and felt the mayors will feel this resolution would undermine the situation before the meeting takes place with the school. He said now all seven mayors are aware of the matter and the school should have the opportunity to explain their position. The Mayor said there is the question if there is a drug problem in the high schools as there has to be a reason for this proposed policy; there has to be a basis for it, he said.

Random Drug Testing – NVRHS District – cont'd.

Mr. Rosenberg said he felt the resolution gives the mayors strength with their upcoming meeting with the school.

Mr. Chval commented that he was sympathetic with their position and suggested tabling the resolution to a special meeting.

Mayor DeRienzo said he disagreed going in with a second resolution (Closter already having passed one) and felt it will not achieve the goal.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilwoman Groh

Library

Mrs. Groh reported the Board received bids for the expansion of the library and will meet next on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

School

Mrs. Groh reported a presentation was given by the technology director regarding advances in various technology and there has been a significant increase in the number of computers due in part to donations from the Home and School Association.

Board of Health

Mrs. Groh noted the Board will be conducting a program at the Swim Club on July 20<sup>th</sup> including various screenings, healthy eating, exercise, etc.

Recycling

Mrs. Groh reported there has been an issue with the delivery of the recycling material and letters have been sent to the hauler regarding their contractual obligations. She said she rode in the truck to observe the conditions, 90% of residents had recycling material out and there will be the addition of pick-ups on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Chval

Board of Ethics

Mr. Chval reported this Board met in mid-June; Mrs. Hertzberg was named chairman and Mr. Heitzner, secretary; the Board can strengthen the Borough's Ethics Ordinance beyond the State regulation, he said.

Finance

Mr. Chval explained the roll-over of notes took place on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with the winning bid of the Bank of New Jersey at 0.5% with the notes maturing in February 2014. He said he has distributed the Analysis of Bonding of Notes and suggested a refunding bond for February 2014 and in August authorizing this process to proceed.

Tennis

Mrs. Groh noted weeds growing at one of the courts; these will be taken care of by spraying and the summer help weeding the area.

Mr. Chval reported that 75 adult permits and 25 junior permits have been purchased and the rates may be raised to offset expenses.

Report of Councilman Volpe

Mr. Volpe reported neither the Environmental Commission or Parks and Playgrounds had quorums at their last meetings.

Mr. Volpe noted he will have the monthly Fire Department Report for the next meeting.

Report of Councilman Iacobino

Police Department

Mr. Iacobino reported the Police Chief attended a Chief's conference regarding new technology, etc., attended two seminars and the Department assisted at the Reservoir Challenge last month. He also noted Officer Jannuzzi has completed the training for the police bicycle which will give greater interaction with the public.

Haworth Swim Club

Mr. Iacobino reported membership has increased with over 300 families joining the Club.

Recreation

Mr. Iacobino noted the Commission is preparing for Celebrate Haworth Day, contacting vendors, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Web-Site

Mr. Poosikian reported the most popular sites are the Community Calendar, Notable Characters and the Swim Club.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 16 calls last month, 14 daytime, 153 miles and 104 man hours and they provided assistance at the Reservoir Challenge.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the Department is continuing asphalt work, assisted with the Senior Picnic, the summer help is weeding and painting street sign poles and stump removal has been completed.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Zoning Board

Mr. Rosenberg noted this Board did not meet.

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported that at the Board's June meeting, the Council resolution in connection with the Land Use Ordinance amendments was presented to the Board and a report will be submitted in September.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Rosenberg reported a resident on Haworth Avenue has submitted information regarding trees surrounding her property which information has also been submitted by her to various state and local agencies; the residents in the area have retained an arborist and Mr. Scandariato will meet with the Commission in this respect.

Report of Mayor DeRienzo

Swim Club

Mayor DeRienzo reported that a storm this past Sunday evening ripped out wires and transformers at the Club, PSE&G and an electrician have repaired the damage and he thanked Ms. Celotto and Ms. Fay for their help in obtaining the swift assistance so that the Club was able to re-open this afternoon.

Report of Mayor DeRienzo – cont'd.

Lightning Detection System

Mr. Volpe suggested setting aside the reserved funds for this project as there is the possibility to cover a larger area at the school site, install at Memorial Field and see if those are enough locations but this will not be known until the system is tested. The matter will be placed on the August agenda.

Cameras

Mrs. Groh referred to the installation of cameras at the snack stand at the Swim Club and said she thought this matter was going to be revisited and public input would be sought, particularly with the matter of cameras placed in the downtown area.

Mayor DeRienzo responded that the police are identifying areas where cameras are needed.

Mr. Iacobino commented that cameras at the pool and pistol range were installed last year.

Mayor DeRienzo noted cameras have been installed at Memorial Field in connection with vandalism in that area.

Appointment to Zoning Board

This matter will be on the agenda for the August meeting.

Additional Road Work

Mayor DeRienzo noted additional work has been discussed by the DPW Committee and this work should go forward if the funds are available.

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that the following road work necessary because of flooding be included in this year's Road Improvement Program pending available funds:

- 150 Franklin Street - \$3,425.
- 404 Woodland Place - \$4,575.
- 12 Madison Avenue - \$5,000.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Mayor DeRienzo reported that the TV video inspections of all the sewers town-wide has been completed with sealing the sewer joints, repairs and the installation of sleeves.

Report of Mayor DeRienzo – cont'd.

Downtown Study

Mayor DeRienzo explained that Dr. Kahn and Mr. Pearce are looking into improvements to the rear of the businesses on Stevens Place.

Increase in Pick-Up of Recycling Materials

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Iacobino and unanimously carried to authorize Mr. Scandariato to prepare a modification to the current recycling contract with Miele Sanitation to provide pick-ups of recyclables on the fifth Wednesday of each month for an additional charge of \$750. per week through the balance of the contract.

Appointments to Mothers' Club

Mayor DeRienzo appointed the following members to a one year term to the Mothers' Club:

Virginia Lewis, Marissa, Schneider, Catherine Meketa-Poirot, Dayana Marchisio, Noa Artzi-Weill, Alpa Inamadar, Kristina Chang.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. B. Colonna, West View Terrace, asked if the downtown study referred to earlier was related to the last one.

Mayor DeRienzo responded, yes, the former study will be used as a model.

Ms. D. Weintraub, Herkimer Av., questioned if the lightning detection system is in place.

Mr. Volpe responded that Harrington Park is finalizing the agreements.

The resident at 385 Orchard Place questioned a dip in the pavement on Sunset Avenue in the vicinity of the church being built.

Mayor DeRienzo responded the area will be repaired.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills

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

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was offered by Mr. Chval, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive meeting of June 5 (with the correction of three typographical errors) and the regular meeting of June 11, 2013.

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

































