

181. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
of the Borough of Haworth held on  
September 17, 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. They 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.

Swearing-In of Ambulance Corps Member

Mayor DeRienzo noted it is always a pleasure to have a new volunteer offer their services.

The Mayor then administered the Oath of Office to Elisa Dhamija as a member of the Haworth Ambulance Corps.

Ordinance No. 13-07 – Addition to Ambulance Corps Building

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mr. Chval that Ordinance No. 13-07 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 13-07 was then read by title only as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE AMBULANCE CORPS BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000. TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE

Ordinance No. 13-07 – Addition to Ambulance Corps Building – cont’d.

ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

On discussion Mrs. Groh thanked the Ambulance Corps members for all the time they have spent addressing concerns regarding this project, referred to questions raised regarding spending and suggested creating less indignation in these situations by working together. She said she would like to see further enlightenment as to what the plans are in order for the Council to understand the project. Mrs. Groh said the Haworth Ambulance Corps serves as a hub for the Northern Valley and suggested getting financial contributions from the other towns who Haworth responds to since Haworth is doing a lot more – get some relief for the full cost of what Haworth is bearing.

Mr. Volpe thanked the Ambulance Corps members for their patience in this situation. He said he has been asking for budget requests to be given to all councilmembers, however, he has met with obstruction. He said he is basing his decision on this project on what the Ambulance Corps members have presented, said he was pleased to get the information regarding a new ambulance being longer and that this meets all the needs discussed. Mr. Volpe requested the inclusion of a new siren system at the facility. He said he has been frustrated with personal attacks during the discussions on the project and noted the delay in not splitting the original multi-purpose ordinance.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked members of the Ambulance Corps for speaking with him and said he wanted to make sure discussions have not been an attack on the organization.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mr. Iacobino that Ordinance No. 13-07 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Iacobino and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 13-07 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on October 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Ordinance No. 13-08 – 2013 Multi-Purpose Ordinance

A motion was offered by Mr. Chval and seconded by Mr. Iacobino that Ordinance No. 13-08 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 13-08 – 2013 Multi-Purpose Ordinance – cont’d.

Ordinance No. 13-08 was then read by title only as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW, ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$296,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

On discussion Mrs. Groh referred to the stretcher for the Ambulance Corps in this ordinance; if they need it she said she is for it.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Chval and seconded by Mr. Iacobino that Ordinance No. 13-08 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Iacobino, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No 13-08 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on October 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Correspondence

<u>Letter From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
Mr. A. West	Information re. White Beeches/ St. Gabriel’s Hearing – Sept. 11, 2013	All Council
Bergen Center for Child Development	Notice of Annual Community Wide Walkathon – Oct. 12	All Council

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Report of Councilwoman Groh

#### Board of Health

Mrs. Groh reported that last week's Board meeting was adjourned due to severe weather conditions; the Mini-Health Fair will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>; the reporting nurse has resigned with the County Health Department covering this position now and a new nurse will be sought.

#### Haworth School

Mrs. Groh reported the Board of Education is meeting this evening, work at the school is continuing and a memo to parents has been circulated.

#### NVRHS

Mrs. Groh referred to the ongoing discussions in connection with the proposed Random Drug Testing program and a committee has been formed including Dr. George Kipel, Ms. Jeanne Martin and Ms. Marilyn Coates-Thomas for further information, discussion, etc.

#### Library

Mrs. Groh reported the second bidding process for the library project has been completed, then a meeting will be held to meet with qualified bidders with the architect.

Mrs. Groh noted Mrs. Rosenberg's retirement as Director of the Library, a lovely reception was held for her last week and a presentation from the Mayor and Council was given. She said the new director is very qualified and also that repairs are underway in connection with the car that went into the library a few weeks ago.

#### Recycling

Mrs. Groh reported that collection of recyclables was up 37 tons at the end of July with \$2,000. more in revenue to the Borough. She referred to the acquisition of signs at the railroad crossing and in connection with the purchase of additional recycling bins she has discovered that some of the funds have been used for other purchases of which she did not know. Mrs. Groh further noted that fees for the disposal of organic material should be taken from a line item and not from the recycling budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Chval

Tennis

Mr. Chval reported this Committee met last evening and an internet sign-up has been suggested for tennis permits.

Tax Sale

Mr. Chval reported this sale will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 properties are outstanding from 2012 and it is anticipated that several of these will be paid prior to the sale.

Bond Sale

Mr. Chval noted the Finance Committee met to discuss the timing, etc. of this sale and it was concurred to have the sale in November as opposed to next February.

Mrs. Groh commented that she wants to reduce some of the principle, purging ordinances, etc. Mr. Chval said the purging ordinances will be reviewed.

Swearing-In of Ambulance Corps Member

Mayor DeRienzo administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Alan Dickstein as a member of the Haworth Ambulance Corps.

Report of Councilman Volpe

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

Fire Department

Mr. Volpe reported on the following: The Department responded to 18 emergency calls in August – 6 activated fire alarms in Haworth; 9 mutual aid alarms in Demarest; 1 mutual aid request in Closter; 1 smoke condition and 1 CO alarm. Probationary fire fighters Polbos and Simkins are progressing well at the Fire Academy, fire fighter Pesch has completed firefighter 1 training; daytime officer Radburn attended fire instructor class and has completed and passed the extensive two week training course.

Mr. Volpe further reported training in August consisted of fire attack/hose training, driver/pumper operations training at United Water and forcible entry training at the firehouse. Events in September for the Department's participation are Andiamo Motorcycle Run, Celebrate

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Volpe – cont'd.

Haworth Day, 5-K Run, extrication drill and a commercial building drill. Training will consist of driver training/pump operations; bailout escape training, aerial and ground ladders training, search and rescue training and junior auxiliary training.

Report of Councilman Iacobino

Police Department

Mr. Iacobino reported that Officer McGuire was responsible for a drug arrest, an outstanding warrant arrest and Officer Yanuzzi arrested a 20 year old on a drug related incident.

Mr. Iacobino noted the Department and the Police Auxiliary will be assisting at Haworth Day and the 5-K Run.

Recreation

Mr. Iacobino reported the Commission is finalizing plans for Celebrate Haworth Day.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Web-Site

Mr. Poosikian reported the top hits on the site are the Community Calendar, Notable Characters and the Tax and Finance Departments.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the Department is clearing and mulching areas in town readying the ball fields, clearing catch basins, weeding the tree farm, filling pot holes and assisting at the school grounds.

Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Poosikian noted there will be a collection of old bikes this Sunday in connection with this project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Poosikian – cont'd.

Ambulance Corps

Mr. Poosikian reported the Ambulance Corps members responded to 24 calls last month – 20 daytime calls, 243 miles, man hours were 101, duty hours 1,116 and 26 gallons of fuel were used.

Regarding Mrs. Groh's questions on Ambulance Corps funds, Mr. Poosikian said funds come from fund raising and donations made by residents who have passed away which are limited to specific purposes. As to Mr. Volpe's comments and the siren issue, Mr. Poosikian said this should be a mutual fire and ambulance project which will be addressed, noting not all the calls are for the ambulance. Mayor DeRienzo noted he has met with residents in the area in the vicinity of ambulance corps building.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Planning and Zoning Boards did not meet last month.

Shade Tree

Mr. Rosenberg noted the Commission met and there was some surprise expressed regarding the trees taken down at the school.

Borough Attorney's Report

Mr. Scandariato reported the appeal by White Beeches/St. Gabriel Church was heard by three judges and it appears to have been determined that the appeal filed by White Beeches was out of time and he was optimistic the decision will be affirmed.

Mayor's Report

Downtown Study

Mayor DeRienzo reported the engineer is preparing to file for a grant for this study.

Siren

Mayor DeRienzo noted he met with residents to discuss the siren and that a replacement siren would cost approximately \$35,000.

Mayor's Report – cont'd.

Library Addition

Mayor DeRienzo reported the committee to negotiate with the bidders has held two meetings and the bidders have been given an opportunity to revise their figures.

Tree Removal at School

Mayor DeRienzo noted there is now a concern with securing the area regarding traffic on Haworth Avenue at the playground where several trees had to be removed.

2014 Budget

In connection with Mr. Volpe's report earlier this evening, Mayor DeRienzo said that personal attacks are not tolerated; it is the responsibility of the portfolio chairman to meet with the department head in connection with their capital and OE budgets. He said the lion share of the budget is the Police Department followed by the DPW budget.

Mayor DeRienzo then noted that all non-profit organizations are on-line with the IRS regarding their financial records and proceeds from the Andiamo Run are put aside every year by the Ambulance Corps for a new ambulance.

School

Mayor DeRienzo noted the Random Drug Testing issue at the high school and that he and Mrs. Groh will be meeting with the local Board of Education in connection with security, lunch time and the ongoing relationship with the school and the Borough.

The Council then recessed at 8:20 PM and reconvened at 8:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Lightening Detection System

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

WHEREAS *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(10)* authorizes contracting units to establish a Joint Purchasing System and to enter into a Joint Purchasing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Harrington Park School District Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Joint

Lightening Detection System – cont'd.

Purchasing System for the purchase, installation and maintenance of an Early-Warning Lightning Detection System; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, the Borough of Haworth, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Joint Purchasing System for the purchase, installation and maintenance of an Early-Warning Lightning Detection System.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Northern Valley Region Joint Purchasing System Resolution of the Borough of Haworth.

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10*, Mayor John Dean DeRienzo, of Borough of Haworth, is hereby authorized to enter into a Joint Purchasing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

To effectuate the Joint Purchasing System and Agreement, the governing body of the Borough of Haworth hereby authorizes Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to submit payment to the Lead Agency, in the amount of \$10,257.40, for the purchase, installation and initial maintenance deposit of an Early-Warning Lightning Detection System.

The governing body of the Borough of Haworth authorizes annual and periodic payment to the Lead Agency for the maintenance costs associated with the Early-Warning Lightning Detection System.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Authorization to Enter into Grant Agreement – Senior Van Drivers

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$6,000.00 in 2013 - 2014 Community Development Block Grant funds for senior van driver in the Borough of Haworth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

Authorization to Enter into Grant Agreement – Senior Van Drivers – cont’d.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Haworth is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Authorization to Enter into Grant Agreement – Senior Activities

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$3,500.00 in 2013 – 2014 Community Development Block Grant funds for senior citizen activities in the Borough of Haworth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor John Dean DeRienzo to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Haworth is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Support of Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels Program

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

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$9,000 for the Northern Valley Region has been proposed by Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels for home delivered food to shut ins 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 the Northern Valley Regions, and

Support of Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels Program – cont'd.

**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 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.

Preparation of Bid Specifications for Basketball Courts

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare the specifications in order to go to bid for the improvements at the basketball courts at Memorial Field.

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Mr. J. Ferber, Owatonna Street referred to a damaged post at the tennis courts and suggested that perhaps the other posts should be checked.

Mr. J. Groh, Haworth Avenue, referred to the recent issue with gigantic utility poles being installed in Glen Rock and Ridgewood and asked if there has been any discussion that they may be coming to Haworth.

Mayor DeRienzo responded that Public Service Electric and Gas replaced many poles in town about one year ago and he has not heard of any plans for Haworth.

Mr. N. Shirvan, Anstatt Way said that councilmembers do not pay attention to reports, noting that 60 tax appeals were filed this year, the taxes are too high and the Council should be cutting budgets instead of spending.

Mayor DeRienzo responded that 67% of the tax bill is for the schools and 24% for the municipality. He said that he and members of the council are taxpayers as well and work hard to keep the municipal budget under control by controlling spending. Mrs. Groh questioned the number of appeals referred to and the Council should be proactive.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mayor DeRienzo discussed the potential for a revaluation or reassessment.

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

Issuance of Bonds

Discussion was held authorizing the preparation of the bond issuance with the stipulation to review the actual numbers.

Mr. Chval commented that the rate was an estimate.

Mrs. Groh questioned how debt was arrived at and what was the impetus for the Borough to bond.

Mr. Chval responded the statutory need to pay-off Bond Anticipation Notes.

Mrs. Groh referred to the \$650,000. figure for the library addition and questioned if the Borough is unable to enter into a contract why issue debt, it could be in a BAN and questioned why tie this money into a bond.

Mayor DeRienzo responded that hopefully the project will proceed with the acceptance of a bid.

Mr. Chval commented that the issuance of the bond is a wise financial move.

Mrs. Groh then referred to several items in the 2012 Audit Report including unfunded capital improvements, money bonded and those not spent need to be purged.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Chval and unanimously carried authorizing the Auditor and Bonding Attorney to initiate the necessary steps to prepare the document for the issuance of bonds in November 2013.

Payment of Bills

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

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST  
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES  
PAGES 193A – 193M

Acceptance of Minutes

In consideration of the August 13, 2013 minutes, Mrs. Groh referred to her report on the local school in connection with their participating in the Open Space Grants which may be considered at a later date should read that the question arose as to the school's ability to participate in this program.

In consideration of the August 7, 2013 minutes regarding the Boswell presentation on the Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program should indicate this has been mandated by the EPA so the residents know why this is being undertaken. Mayor DeRienzo indicated a letter will go out to all residents from the Mayor and Council explaining the procedure.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Groh, seconded by Mr. Chval and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the executive meeting of August 7 and the regular meeting of August 13, 2013 as amended.

As there was no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:10PM on motion duly offered, seconded and carried.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator

























