

189. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on
November 22, 2022 via Zoom

Present: Hon. Jacqueline Guenego, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Michael Bain
Dina Siciliano
Heather Wasser
Lisa Dhamija

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Guenego 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 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 Guenego led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Bain

Recreation

Mr. Bain said he will send in this report and noted that the Coffee House held last week-end was very well attended.

Report of Councilwoman Dhamija

Board of Health

Mrs. Dhamija reported the Board did not meet this month.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning and Zoning Boards

Mr. Rosenberg noted the planning board did not meet; the zoning board met to approve an amended resolution for an application on Sylvan Place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported on the following activities for the month of October: the department took part in the Haworth Day Celebration including assisting at the fireworks display and also took part in the DEA's Operation Take Back program when two boxes of medication were turned over to the DEA for destruction; participated in the Trick or Trunk at the school and gave the Girl Scouts a tour of headquarters and patrol vehicles. Further activities included a visit from the county's K-9 Unit when they explained how they provide assistance to police officers and a visit from AAA to explain bicycle safety, etc. to the fourth-grade class at the Haworth School.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the department has finished chipping, continuing leaf pick-up and other activities for the fall season including setting up the stakes for the scarecrows at borough hall.

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the department responded to 32 calls, participated in training, drills, rig checks etc.; four juniors are enrolled in Fire Fighter One; one more junior has joined the department; stood by for the fireworks display at Celebrate Haworth Day and were at the school for Fire Prevention Week.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Shade Tree Commission

Ms. Siciliano reported the commission will present the final list for the winter program on November 30th; the commission members are completing the certification for their CEU's; there probably will be no fall planting however they may get some assistance for this project.

Haworth School

Ms. Siciliano said the students' involvement in the community is very interesting and they are involved and the outdoor classroom just completed is not part of the recently approved referendum and will be used for multi purposes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano – cont'd.

Library

Ms. Siciliano reported the board has approved their closing dates for the coming year; many programs are being held; the recent Open Mike night was well attended and there is remaining concern with flooding and the engineer will be consulted regarding maintenance of the brook in this area.

Clean-Up Day

Ms. Siciliano noted a large amount of material was collected with the assistance of many volunteers and thanked Mr. Runge of the DPW for his exceptional assistance.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

Ambulance Corps

Mrs. Wasser reported the ambulance which has been loaned to New Milford has been returned in good condition and Bergen County will be providing mutual aid for municipal ambulance corps.

Environmental Commission

Mrs. Wasser reported commission members attended the shade tree commission meeting in October with the purpose of discussion for creating an ordinance for guidelines for residential tree removal.

Report of Mayor Guenego

Seniors

Mayor Guenego explained the seniors have not had a gathering since COVID started and hopefully in early spring next year they will be meeting at Seasons Restaurant.

Other Matters

Mayor Guenego thanked Ms. Siciliano for organizing the recent Clean-Up Day.

The Mayor noted the recessed and reorganization meetings will be held in person on January 8, 2023 and in connection with opening borough hall, she explained some adjustments will be made and when they are complete, the building will be opened to the public.

Mayor Guenego further reported the Stevens Place Bridge has been replaced and is now opened.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Guenego explained RFQ's will not be needed this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg to approve the following consent agenda. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Siciliano, Wasser, Dhamija. Declared carried.

Refund of Driveway Permit Deposits

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has inspected and found that work has been satisfactorily completed on the following Driveway Permits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the following refunds be made:

| <u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u> | <u>PERMIT #</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Michael Cohen 425 Sunset Avenue Haworth, NJ 07641 | 1459 | \$100.00 | 425 Sunset Avenue |
| Lori Yoselow 124 Beacon Street Haworth, NJ 07641 | 1460 | \$100.00 | 124 Beacon Street |
| Marc Cohen 160 Hardenburgh Avenue Haworth, NJ 07641 | 1465 | \$100.00 | 160 Hardenburgh Avenue |
| Pat Epner 327 Hillcrest Avenue Haworth, NJ 07641 | 1462 | \$100.00 | 327 Hillcrest Avenue |

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

2022 Budget Transfers

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haworth that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2022 Operating Budget Appropriations:

| Current Fund | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---|-------------|--|
| Mayor & Council Publications 2-01-20-014-300 | \$2,500 | Municipal Clerk O.E. 2-01-20-005-300 \$2,500 |
| Planning Board O.E. 2-01-21-075-300 | \$5,000 | Fire Department O.E. 2-02-25-100-300 \$5,000 |
| Public Health Services O.E. 2-01-27-175-300 | \$2,000 | Public Health Services S&W 2-01-27-175-100 \$2,000 |
| Financial Admin O.E. 2-01-20-035-300 | \$4,000 | Gasoline 2-01-31-266-300 |
| Senior Citizens O.E. 2-01-28-230-300 | \$4,000 | \$8,000 |

Payment of Bills

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Approval of Minutes

Executive Meeting of November 9, 2022

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.

Adjournment

As there were no further matters to come before the council a motion was offered at 7:50 PM by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Siciliano and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

