

75. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on April 26, 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 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 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 noted this report has been forwarded and added that the recent Egg Hunt lasted one minute and thirty-two seconds.

Finance

Mr. Bain reported the 2022 budget books have been distributed with introduction of the budget scheduled for May 10th. He then explained the use of the Edmunds System to pay certain fees by credit card – the original package will include pickleball, tennis, etc. and will include a convenience fee to cover these costs.

Mrs. Wasser commented she was a bit frustrated as there has not been much conversation about this, however finds it exciting.

Mr. Bain responded it will be rolled in for everything, explained the module and work will be done by all to expedite the process particularly just how many departments it would be effective for.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning Board and Zoning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Planning Board approved at their last meeting an application on Sylvan Place for a subdivision for two homes.

The Zoning Board had an application on St. Nicholas Avenue which was ultimately withdrawn by the applicants, Mr. Rosenberg explained.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg noted this report has been submitted explaining new training for the officers, number of summonses issued, etc.

Report of Councilwoman Dhamija

Board of Health

Mrs. Dhamija reported the Board has two new members – Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Hodes-Wertz; the Fitness Challenge was held and testing homes for radon is being offered; this service will be posted on the borough's website.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the department has been filling potholes, doing spring cleaning on the fields and clean-ups through-out the town on borough property.

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian noted this report has been forwarded indicating 60 calls so far this year.

Boy Scouts

Mr. Poosikian reported the scouts will be holding a car wash this Saturday and also assisting with a clothing drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Swim Club

Ms. Siciliano reported the new manager is working out very well and noted he had been a previous assistant manager.

Library

Ms. Siciliano noted the drainage work at the library has been approved and the new director has had a smooth start.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

Tennis

Mrs. Wasser reported her report has been sent to the clerk's office and noted the seasonal meter will be installed soon at the courts.

Community Funding Program

Mrs. Wasser thanked all who sent letters to Congressman Gottheimer and also thanked Mr. Statile for his work on this project.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Guenego noted this has been a sad April in the borough with the passing of Mayor Ference and Mr. Tom Kaechele, long time athletic director at the high school; they are two icons of the community, they will be missed and sent her condolences to the families.

Events

Mayor Guenego noted all the events coming up this week-end and she had participated in the recent Fitness Challenge with the walk around the reservoir. The Mayor also said she will be participating in the Tri-Town opening day by throwing the first pitch for the softball league.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solar

Mr. Poosikian explained this discussion will continue at the next meeting as the DPW is planning to put the leaves back in the yard, they are waiting approval from the DEP. In that case a different locale for the solar farm will have to be sought, he said.

NEW BUSINESS

Nepotism

Mr. Poosikian said there is a concern with the borough not having a nepotism ordinance and would ask Mr. Regan to look into this.

Mr. Rosenberg asked where this came from and who it would apply to.

Mr. Poosikian responded all paid positions, he would think.

Mayor Guenego said this matter is worth exploring with the borough attorney.

DPW Hours

Mr. Poosikian explained the DPW presently works 7AM – 3:30PM which is more than an eight hour day and discussion has been held for a change to 7AM-3PM with one half hour for lunch which is acceptable with Mr. Simkins.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Ms. Siciliano to authorize Mr. Regan to draft an amendment to the present contract with the change in hours.

On discussion, Mr. Bain asked if the employees were paid for the ½ hour lunch. Mr. Poosikian responded it is not discussed in the current contract.

Mrs. Wasser asked if there was a set lunch hour and Mr. Poosikian replied it is 12 – 12:30PM and perhaps more flexibility for the lunch hour could be discussed.

All members voted in the affirmative on the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Siciliano referred to the bid for the library drainage repair and explained Mr. Statile has worked with the contractor being awarded the contract and said he has had no problems with him.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mrs. Wasser to approve the following consent agenda. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Siciliano, Wasser, Dhamija. Nays – none. Declared carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Award Bid for Library Drainage Repair

WHEREAS, quotations were sought to install a new catch basin and roof drain extension for the Haworth Library building to the existing storm drain in the courtyard due to flooding of the building addition; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the quotation from R.M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC is the most responsive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to R.M. Tuit Paving and Trucking Contractor, LLC, 66 5th Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 in the amount of \$8,850.00 subject to the availability of funds.

Authorization for Emergency Temporary Appropriations

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth enacted a temporary budget to cover the period from January 1, 2022 to the date of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-20 permits the Borough Council by a two-thirds vote of the full membership, to make temporary appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wished to make the emergency temporary appropriations shown in Schedule “A” attached hereto and made part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough Council by a two-thirds vote of the full membership hereby makes the emergency temporary appropriations as shown on Schedule “A” attached hereto and made part hereof.
2. That said emergency temporary appropriation will be provided in full in the 2022 budget under the titles as listed in the attached schedule.
3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Temporary Emergency No. 4

2022 Temporary Budget

Attachment A

Current Fund	From	To	Account
Computer Maintenance	\$10,000	\$14,000	2-01-20-050-300

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Authorization for Emergency Temporary Appropriations – cont’d.

Attachment A – cont’d.

<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Account</u>
Vehicle Repair	\$14,000	\$16,000	2-01-26-169-300
Zoning Board	\$500	\$800	2-01-21-085-300
Natural Gas	\$10,000	\$14,000	2-01-31-265-300
Gasoline	\$20,000	\$26,000	2-01-31-266-300
Roads Other Expenses	\$120,000	\$125,000	2-01-26-150-300

Award Bid for Swim Club Barrier Free Restroom

WHEREAS, following public advertisement as required by law sealed bids for the 2021 Community Block Grant-Swim Club Women’s Restroom Barrier Free Improvements were received by the Municipal Clerk on April 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer have reviewed the bid documents received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for the 2021 Community Block Grant-Swim Club Women’s Barrier Free Improvements be and is hereby awarded to Innovational Construction & Design, 216 Broadway, Keyport, NJ 07735 in the amount of \$70,420.00 with no alternates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and hereby authorized to execute a contract in a form prepared by the Borough Attorney.

Payment of Bills

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CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of April 12, 2022
Closed Meeting of April 12, 2022

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. Margaret Celotto, deputy borough clerk, referred to the opening day for baseball which her family has always been involved and to honor her late husband, Bruce, the family has been invited and her grandson will throw out the first ball.

Mrs. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Avenue welcomed Councilwoman Dhamija. Mrs. Borghi said she is getting caught up with the seniors and parks and playgrounds who all need to have a connection after two years of the pandemic. She referred to different places where the seniors could have their meetings.

Mrs. Wasser suggested a room at the library if the group is comfortable going inside.

Mrs. Borghi then said she is happy they are honoring Mr. Celotto on opening day.

Mrs. Dhamija referred to honoring Mrs. Paller, a long time member of the ambulance corps.

Mayor Guenego said a proclamation will be prepared for the May meeting.

Mr. Rosenberg commented the Planning Board will be issuing a proclamation for Mayor Ference honoring his long time service on that board and the family will be invited to attend their May meeting.

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

As there were no further matters to come before the council a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried at 8:15PM to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

