

115. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on June 28, 2022 via Zoom

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

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

In the absence of Mayor Guenego and Council President Siciliano, Mr. Poosikian called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and upon roll call the above members were present. Mr. Poosikian 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 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

Mr. Poosikian led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Bain

Mr. Bain said he will forward his written report and added that the upcoming Recreation Summer Camp has 92 children enrolled.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Zoning and Planning Boards

Mr. Rosenberg said both these meetings have been cancelled this month as there were no new applications filed.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported the department has been involved in various training sessions, the auxiliary was very helpful with the recent Reservoir Challenge and other events and several cars were broken into on Maple Street with vandalism involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

Ambulance Corps

Mrs. Wasser reported the following: 11 calls – 8 day- time; motor vehicle crashes 3; 102 miles; total man hours on calls year to date 1368.

Tennis

The committee held an open house and will re-examine the time for the event regarding a conflict with another group.

Report of Councilwoman Dhamija

Board of Health

Mrs. Dhamija reported the board cancelled their last two monthly meetings.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the department responded to 22 calls, 98 year- to date and they are losing a member who is taking a full- time position.

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported the department is busy with mowing, patching roads, tending to flower beds, branch trimming, field maintenance and repainting the lines at the pickleball court.

Mrs. Wasser referred to graffiti on the Ivy Avenue Bridge. Mr. Poosikian said the DPW has been cleaning the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-10 – Purchase of Leaf Grinder

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-10 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 22-10 was then read by title only as follows:

NEW BUSINESS – cont’d.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-10 – Purchase of Leaf Grinder – cont’d.

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW LEAF GRINDER FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$190,000 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 SUCH BONDS

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mrs. Wasser that Ordinance 22-10 be passed on first reading.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Wasser, Dhamija. Nays – none. Declared carried.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-10 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing thereon on July 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

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, Wasser, Dhamija. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Approval to Mail 2022 Estimated Tax Bills

**Whereas**, due to the late adoption of the 2022 Bergen County Budget, the Bergen County Board of Taxation is unable to certify tax rates for the year 2022; and

**Whereas**, without a 2022 certified tax rate the Tax Collector of the Borough of Haworth will be unable to issue 2022 tax bills on a timely basis;

**Be it Resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth, as follows;

1. The Tax Collector of the Borough of Haworth is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Haworth for the third installment of 2022 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by Chapter 72, Public Laws of 1994 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Approval to Mail 2022 Estimated Tax Bills – cont’d.

- 2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2022 is hereby set at \$24,480,791.28. The estimated tax rate for 2022 is hereby set at \$2.997.

Refund of Driveway Permit Deposit

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>
Macchione Bros. 71 S. Newman Street Hackensack, NJ 07601	1441	\$100.00	131 Hendrickson Street
Chander Bijlani 72 Pine Street Haworth, NJ 07641	1453	\$100.00	72 Pine Street

Enter Grant Agreement with BC Community Development-Swim Club ADA Restroom

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth wish to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$75,436.00 in 2022 Community Development Block Grant Funds for ADA Accessibility at Haworth Swim Club for construction of an ADA Restroom at 350 Lakeshore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Jacqueline Guenego to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Jacqueline Guenego to sign all County vouchers in connection with the aforesaid project; and

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

CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Authorization to Advertise for Re-Bid Swim Club ADA Restroom

BE IT RESOLVED the municipal clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Borough of Haworth Swim Club Barrier-Free Restroom Improvements.

Payment of Bills

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST

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Approval of Minutes

Executive Meeting of June 14, 2022

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. M. Fox, 408 Harland Av. questioned grants for the pickleball courts and when the courts might be built.

Mr. Bain explained the recreation commission has met several times on this matter, the borough engineer has submitted cost estimates between \$137,000 and \$232,000, then the matter will be brought to the council regarding sites, etc. He noted the process of preparing bid specs and the process to award a bid, noting the grant funds are included in this year's budget.

Mrs. Wasser commented the project will probably be ready in the spring of next year and Mr. Bain said all this information will be shared with the pickleball committee.

Ms. L. Ross, 292 Franklin St. said the committee had received quotes for this work which she will send to the council.

Mr. Bain further explained what is involved in this project, noting that once the work is bid, prospective bidders can visit the site.

Ms. Cora Koch, 130 Grant St., questioned the amounts of the grants.

Mr. Bain responded there is a \$75,000 grant for pickleball and tennis and a \$75,000 borough matching grant. Ms. Koch then asked if there is an expiration date for the grant.

Open Meeting to Public – cont'd.

Mr. Bain responded he will check however once the process starts this will satisfy the grant.

Mrs. Wasser said the council needs to be as cost effective as possible.

Ms. Ross asked if fund raising was permitted for this project.

Mr. Regan explained a 501(c) (3) donation could be made to the borough for designation and they can do a fund raising.

Mrs. Rosenberg, Pine Lane said a 501(c)(3) would require an account and insurance.

Mr. Regan suggested contacting the borough auditor on this matter.

Ms. Koch questioned the space for the pickleball courts.

Mr. Bain responded areas near the swim club have been looked at and explained various issues at this site.

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Avenue questioned the 501(c)(3) matter.

Mr. Bain said it would be its own entity to donate specifically for this project.

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

As there was no further business to come before the council, a motion was offered at 8:05 PM by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to adjourn.

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Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC  
Clerk-Administrator













