

167. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on
September 27, 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 public 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 reported Haworth Day will be held on October 1st with a record number of vendors signed up, a great variety of local craft, food, clothing, carnival rides, coffee house and a fireworks display at Memorial Field that evening. Also, he said Summer Recreation had an extremely successful camp session.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning and Zoning Boards

Mr. Rosenberg reported the planning board did not meet and the zoning board met in person for the first time in two years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg – cont'd.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported the police department's activities include continuous training, assisting with many fall activities including the recent 5-K Run, the Andiamo Motorcycle Run and the upcoming Haworth Day.

Report of Councilwoman Dhamija

Ambulance Corps

Mrs. Dhamija reported several young volunteers have joined the ambulance corps and are undergoing training. She said the Annual Flu Clinic will be held at the driveway at the ambulance corps building or in the bays in the case of bad weather. Mayor Guenego suggested sending out a stand alone e-mail for this event.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

DPW

Mr. Poosikian reported the department is involved in cutting grass, filling potholes, applying mulch to the parks, preparing the machinery for the upcoming leaf collection season, trimming trees and they assisted with the preparations for the 5KRun and Andiamo Motorcycle Run.

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the department responded to 24 calls for the month, 180 calls for the year, attended the Summer Recreation Program with a demonstration of their equipment and five junior firefighters have joined the department.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Shade Tree Commission

Ms. Siciliano reported the commission is working on a tree ordinance with the environmental commission and will be doing fall planting in some of the borough easements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano – cont'd.

Website

Ms. Siciliano noted she will be meeting with Ms. Gallagher regarding a new contract coming up for the website.

Haworth School

Ms. Siciliano reported the Board of Education is meeting this evening and the building of the outdoor classroom has begun.

Library

Ms. Siciliano noted the drainage project at the library has been completed and has been working well.

Swim Club

A pre-construction meeting was held recently for the ADA restroom project at the swim club and there should be no delays, Ms. Siciliano said.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

Tennis and Environmental Commission

Mrs. Wasser noted this committee did not meet and environmental is meeting with the shade tree commission on some ordinances.

Mayor's Report

Haworth 5-K Run

Mayor Guenego reported over 400 runners participated in this event, commended the committee for their hard work and over \$100,000 has been raised over the past several years.

OLD BUSINESS

Owatonna Street/St. Nicholas Avenue Bridge

Ms. Siciliano noted work has started on this project to repair/replace the bridge.

OLD BUSINESS – cont'd.

Clearing at End of Owatonna Street

Mr. Poosikian reported the DPW has begun to clear this area to allow access of their vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Lighting

Mayor Guenego referred to a request from a resident for a tree lighting on the first Friday of December. Mr. Rosenberg explained the placing of the menorah and creche in the borough. Mrs. Wasser noted the tree was at Terrace Street last year.

Mr. Poosikian added that a tree to be planted in the Terrace Street Park has been discussed and perhaps now is the time to do so. Mr. Bain said he will check for any remaining funds in the Terrace Street improvement project account.

Further discussion included planting one tree or just buying one each year, putting in a tree that can grow at the Terrace St. Park and also at the borough hall.

Mayor Guenego suggested getting back to the person who requested the tree lighting and to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Ivy Avenue Bridge

Mrs. Wasser referred to complaints regarding several traffic episodes at the bridge in connection with cars navigating this one lane bridge which has become more of an issue lately.

Ms. Siciliano noted these issues have been brought through social media which she did not believe was a good place for such an issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Ms. Siciliano 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.

Reimbursement of Tax Title Lien

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received payment in certified funds from TD Bank, Tax Lien Management Group (Reference: 343 Schraalenburgh Rd) for redemption of Tax Title Lien No. 20-00003, on Block 1500 Lot 2, assessed to Ruth Ro, and,

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Reimbursement of Tax Title Lien – cont’d.

WHEREAS, reimbursement is now required to be made to the following lienholder:

PAM Investors
127 So. Washington Ave
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

From Current Fund Account: Lien, Penalty & Costs:

Tax Title Lien #20-00003	
(Certificate/Subsequent Principal/Interest)	\$42,877.43
6% Redemption penalty	973.60
Recording Fee	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$43,906.03

From Trust Fund Account: Return of premium

Premium	Total	\$54,000.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to prepare checks in the amounts of \$43,906.03 and \$54,000.00, made payable to PAM Investors.

Approval of Raffle License

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the 50/50 On Premise Raffle Application #RA-498 for the K of C Immaculate Conception Council 9021 to be held at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 102 Park Street on October 14, 2022 be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Authorization to Submit CDBG Application – Ramp at Haworth Swim Club

BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to submit a Community Development Block Grant application to install a new handicapped accessible ramp at the Haworth Swim Club.

Approval of Payment of Bills

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CONSENT AGENDA – cont'd.

Approval of Minutes

Executive Meeting of September 13, 2022

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. S. Zambetti, Houston Place said traffic has increased greatly on Houston Place which has now become a major thoroughfare, it is a very dangerous intersection, she is worried about the walkers in this area and felt sidewalks should be considered.

Mr. Bain responded the borough engineer has looked at this area for sidewalks on the west side of Houston Place and Mayor Guenego noted grants might be available.

Mr. Poosikian noted there are many areas in town in dire need of sidewalks particularly Valley Road from Chestnut Bend to Haworth Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue to Houston Place.

Various grants were discussed with further discussion for consideration of sidewalks on the west side of Houston Place.

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

Close Meeting to the Public

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Wasser and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B* permits a public body to exclude the public from the portion of a meeting at which certain items are discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it necessary to conduct a closed session and to exclude the public on September 27, 2022 at which time the following items will be discussed:

Personnel Matter
Affordable Housing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council does hereby exclude the public from the portion of the meeting at which time the above items will be discussed; and

Close Meeting to the Public – cont'd

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public upon completion or conclusion of the foregoing item and when determined by the Governing Body that the Borough's interests will not be adversely affected.

Reopen Meeting to Public

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:00 PM and as there was no further business to come before the council, a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

