

129. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Haworth held on July 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 7:30PM and upon roll call all members of the council were present. Mayor Guenego 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 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 reported the summer camp is going very well with a large group of participants.

Finance

Mr. Bain discussed capital budget items for this year and as interest rates will be increasing and the cost of borrowing will go up, many items will be included in this year’s capital budget which will be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Zoning and Planning Boards

Mr. Rosenberg reported these boards did not meet, but will be holding their September meetings in person.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported on recent events which included attempted car thefts at White Beeches, none were stolen however, key fobs were taken from the unattended cars and no arms or weapons were involved. He said residents are urged to lock their vehicles and police are circulating around the borough at night.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Department of Public Works

Mr. Poosikian reported members are grass trimming, fixing potholes, cleaning catch basins and brooks.

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the department responded to 23 calls in June, they are losing one member who is moving and five juniors are enrolled in Firefighter I. The full report is attached.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano

Shade Tree Commission

Ms. Siciliano reported there will be no meeting in August, the commission is refining the tree list, discussing fall planting, working on a grant and will be working with the Environmental Commission regarding trees on private property.

Swim Club

Ms. Siciliano reported guest fees were reduced for last week-end for residents, it has been a busy summer, operating at high capacity and the new manager is doing very well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Siciliano – cont'd.

Library

Ms. Siciliano noted the summer program is going well and explained the awards process, etc. for this program.

Ms. Siciliano reported the library is waiting for the start of the drainage work, the bid has been accepted for this job, there is a need for a firm date and the mayor indicated she would call the contractor.

Report of Councilwoman Wasser

Ambulance Corps

Report attached.

Report of Councilwoman Dhamija

Board of Health

Mrs. Dhamija reported the Board did not meet in June; at the July meeting they discussed several topics including the plans for the flu clinic in the fall.

Seniors

Mrs. Dhamija noted the town has been notified the new senior van will not be delivered until December 2023.

Report of Borough Administrator

Ms. Fay explained the air conditioning in the clerk and court administrator offices has not been working for several weeks, estimates for a replacement have been received and Mr. Bain said he would discuss this with Mr. Monaco.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Guenego thanked all for their hard work – all the programs in town, particularly the Swim Club, tennis going well and thanked the office staff for all their work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Siting and Building Pickle Ball Courts at Swim Club

Mr. Bain reported members of the recreation commission went to the site; there are two options for two specific courts – estimate of \$170,000 or a single dedicated court.

Discussion was held as to taking out the basketball court for pickle ball which Mrs. Wasser said could be replaced with the pickle ball court or Mr. Bain said two could be built and refurbish the basketball court.

Mrs. Wasser said this is a substantial amount of money, explained the process to build a pickle ball court with less impact being refurbished and fenced in.

Ms. Siciliano discussed the costs which she said is not financially prudent, the town is facing other dramatically rising costs, noting too much of the space is used for many purposes in the back of the swim club, delivery trucks, etc. noted the access necessity, the walking trail there and said the best compromise would be to refurbish the basketball courts.

Mrs. Wasser then commented the ice rink at Memorial Field would be a good possibility for the pickle ball courts.

Mr. Poosikian referred to requests by emergency services and \$40,000 could be saved by using the basketball court at the Swim Club.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain and seconded by Mrs. Wasser to build one new pickleball court and to repurpose the basketball court to be a pickle ball court at the Swim Club.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Environmental Council

Mrs. Wasser explained the qualifications of Mr. Orr Kadek who she is proposing as a member of the commission.

Mayor Guenego then appointed Mr. Orr Kadek a member of the Environmental Commission for a three-year unexpired term to December 31, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS – cont'd.

Renting Residential Swimming Pools

Mr. Regan explained this matter was brought to his attention by the building inspector and said another town he works with has passed an ordinance to prohibit these rentals which the council might want to consider.

Ms. Siciliano asked what the objection was.

Mr. Regan responded parking issues, a residential use changed to commercial and there was a discussion of other towns who had problems. He said consideration could be given to banning short term rentals also.

It was concurred Mr. Regan will do a draft ordinance.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-11 – Road Improvement Program

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-11 be offered for first reading.

Ordinance No. 22-11 was then read by title only as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$320,000 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 Mr. Poosikian that Ordinance No. 22-11 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-11 be advertised as required by law and a date set for public hearing on August 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Ordinance No. 22-12 – ADA Bathrooms at Haworth Swim Club

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Poosikian and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-12 be offered first reading.

NEW BUSINESS – cont’d.

Ordinance No. 22-12 – ADA Bathrooms at Haworth Swim Club – cont’d.

Ordinance No. 22-12 was then read by title only as follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF ADA-BATHROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HAWORTH SWIM CLUB IN, BY AND FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$165,000 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 Ms. Siciliano and seconded by Mrs. Wasser that Ordinance No. 22-12 be passed on first reading.

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

A motion was offered by Ms. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 22-12 be advertised as required by law and a date for public hearing on August 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Poosikian that the following resolutions be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes; Messrs. Poosikian, Rosenberg, Bain, Siciliano, Wasser, Dhamija. Nays – none. Declared carried.

Insertion of Special Item of Revenue – FEMA Funds

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Haworth in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022

CONSENT AGENDA – cont’d.

Insertion of Special Item of Revenue – FEMA Funds – cont’d.

in the sum of \$69,623.27, which is now available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$69,623.27.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$69,623.27 is hereby appropriated under the caption Owatonna Street Drainage Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$69,623.27.

Approval of Raffle License

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth that the Off-Premise, 50/50 Raffle Application of the Haworth Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc #RA-494 to be held at Andiamo’s Restaurant, 23 Hardenburgh Avenue on September 18, 2022 be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission are adhered to.

Capital Budget Amendment

For resolution see Page 136A of permanent minutes.

Payment of Bills

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST

SEE PERMANENT MINUTES

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Approval of Minutes

Executive Meeting of July 12, 2022

Closed Meeting of July 12, 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.

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Poosikian 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 July 26, 2022 at which time the following item will be discussed:

Cell Tower Lease Agreement

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 item will be discussed; and

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 8:40 PM and as there was no further business to come before the council a motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator

