239. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haworth held on November 27, 2018 at the Municipal Center

Present: Hon. John W. Smart, Mayor

Councilmembers: Glenn Poosikian
Andrew Rosenberg
Michael Bain
Regina Duffy
Jacqueline Guenego
Dina Siciliano (Late)

Borough Attorney: Robert T. Regan

Mayor Smart called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and upon roll call members of the Council were present with the exception of Ms. Siciliano who arrived later in the meeting due to a family emergency. Mayor Smart 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 Smart led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Administering the Oath of Office to Sgt. James Morgan

Mayor Smart referred to the high performance of the Haworth Police Department whose tone is set by the Chief of Police of professionalism and service to the community they serve; the recommendation was made to promote Officer Morgan to sergeant which the Police Committee reviewed and unanimously agreed to. The Mayor then thanked the Police Department for the great work they do.

Chief Gracey then welcomed all present, noting Officer Morgan's father and grandfather were both police officers, thanked Mayor Smart for the last four years of his service to the Borough and thanked all the councilmembers. He thanked the whole Department which he said makes him proud and then congratulated Mayor-elect Ference on his recent election.

Mayor Smart then administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Morgan.

Sgt. Morgan thanked the Mayor and Council and Chief Gracey who he said is an honor to work with him, thanked his family and the entire Department.

Ordinance 18-10 – Capital Ordinance for Tank Refurbishment at DPW – 2nd Reading, Public Hearing

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 18-10 be offered for second reading.

Ordinance No. 18-10 which is as follows was then read by title only as copies had been provided for those present.

BOROUGH OF HAWORTH
NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 18-10

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $12,000 FOR REFURBISHMENT OF WATER TANK AND DISPENSER SUMPS BY THE BOROUGH OF HAWORTH AND TO APPROPRIATE $12,000 FROM GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haworth in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby respectively authorized as a general improvement to be made by the Borough of Haworth, New Jersey, for the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 2, there are hereby appropriated the sum of money therein stated as the appropriation made for said improvement or purpose, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations herefore made thereof and amounting in the aggregate to $12,000 which is now available from General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION 2. The Borough of Haworth, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to provide for the following:

Refurbishment of Water Tank and Dispenser Sumps $12,000

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined and stated:

(a)That said purpose is not a current expense. That the same is an improvement which the municipality may lawfully make and that no part of the cost of said improvement has been or shall be specifically be assessed on properties specifically benefited.

(b)It is not necessary to finance said appropriation by the issuance of obligations by the Borough of Haworth pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, for the reason that monies sufficient to cover the appropriation thereof shall be available from General Capital Fund Balance in the amount of $12,000.

SECTION 4. The Capital Budget of the Borough of Haworth is hereby amended or established to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended or temporary Capital Budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. The sum of $12,000 is hereby appropriated for the aforementioned purpose.

SECTION 6. It is hereby determined and stated that no supplemental debt statement is required to be made and signed in connection with said appropriation, since the gross debt of the municipality, as defined under the Local Bond Law, is not increased by this Ordinance and no obligations in the matter of notes or bonds are authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.

INTRODUCED: _____
ADOPTED: _____
ATTEST: APPROVED: , 2018
Borough Clerk Mayor
The Record November 19, 2018
Fee:$100.50 (134) 4301697

The meeting was opened to the public on Ordinance No. 18-10. As there were no comments the meeting was closed to the public on this ordinance.

Ordinance 18-10 – Capital Ordinance for Tank Refurbishment at DPW – 2nd Reading, Public Hearing – cont'd.

A motion was offered by Mr. Poosikian and seconded by Mrs. Duffy that Ordinance No. 18-10 be passed on second and final reading.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and unanimously carried that the passage of Ordinance No. 18-10 be advertised as required by law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Councilman Bain

Recreation

Mr. Bain reported that all the Commission's events have been accomplished for the year and they will soon be in the process of planning for next year.

Finance

Mr. Bain said the Finance Committee will meet to review the various capital projects to determine if they are completed, etc.

Report of Councilwoman Guenego

Library

Ms. Guenego reported October was the busiest month on record for the library with 6,874 people using the facility; there were Kindergarten visits, the PAWS Auction, etc.; Ms. Sharon Jureller is the new president of the Board; the BCLLS delivery service has been approved by libraries in the system and there may be grants available for this cost. Ms. Guenego further reported the library is looking for a new art curator and a new telephone system is being upgraded.

Board of Health

The Board did not meet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Guenego – cont'd.

Ambulance Corps

Ms. Guenego reported the following: the Ambulance Corps responded to 13 calls last month – 8 daytime, average response time in town 6 minutes, 146 miles, 82 man hours on calls and year to date 741; notable activities were participation in the annual hazmat drill at the Suez Water Treatment facility.

Report of Councilman Rosenberg

Planning Board

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board met last week for discussion on the Master Plan revision which will be continued in the new year and there is one application scheduled for the December meeting.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rosenberg reported the Board approved the St. Gabriel application with two or 3 conditions regarding the request for additional parking and to include the planting of evergreens in the front on Sunset Avenue.

Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg reported the following:

The Department participated in the annual response exercise at Suez Water at which time OEM Coordinator John Sullivan, Mayor Smart and Chief Gracey attended and it was noted Mr. Sullivan is doing an outstanding job as the OEM Coordinator for the Borough.

Sgt. Ragone and Officer Soltes attended the AAA Annual Community Traffic Safety Awards Luncheon at which time the Borough received an award for Community Traffic Safety.

The Department took part in the Operation Take Back Program at which time two full boxes of medication was turned over to the DEA for proper destruction.

The cell in headquarters was inspected and the policies and cell block area were in compliance with state laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilman Poosikian

Fire Department

Mr. Poosikian reported the following:

The Department responded to 19 calls in October, 10 calls in Haworth and 9 in Dumont; one meeting was held, two work nights, three drills, ten activated fire alarms, two members attended a CSX tabletop drill and participated in the Northern Valley Fire Chief's Parade winning 3rd place for best pumper.

Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Poosikian reported the Commission is finalizing the Winter Tree Program.

Report of Councilwoman Duffy

Seniors

Mrs. Duffy reported the holiday party will be held on December 18th at the Florentine Gardens and meetings will then resume in the spring.

Tennis

With new enthusiastic members on the Tennis Committee they hope to revive tennis participation in town Mrs. Duffy noted.

Swim Club

Mrs. Duffy reported there is a continuing search for a pool manager with expanding the search to schools and other aquatic facilities and repairs are being made to a broken well motor at the Club.

Department of Public Works

Mrs. Duffy reported the Department is busy with leave collection and the parks are cleaned and ready for any holiday events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Report of Councilwoman Duffy – cont'd.

Parks and Playgrounds

Mrs. Duffy noted two members have resigned from the committee and it is hoped these positions will be filled soon.

Report of Borough Administrator

Ms. Fay reported the annual Best Practices inventory required by the State has been submitted in the required time period resulting in no decrease in state aid.

Mayor's Report

Building Department

Mayor Smart reported the Technical Assistant in this department has reassigned as she found another job which is full time and a search has started for her replacement. Also, he said the hearing in connection with the plumbing inspector is scheduled for December 6th.

Winter Wonderland

Mayor Smart noted this event is at Van Saun Park and Mrs. Duffy will be decorating the Haworth tree this coming week-end.

Rockland Electric Company

Mayor Smart reported Rockland will be installing smart meters on the east side of town and those residents have been notified.

Cell Tower

Mayor Smart reported AT&T is looking for support of a new cell tower in the manor section of town and there was discussion of various sites.

Building Department

Mr. Poosikian reported on a situation this past week-end where a home was badly damaged and unsafe, the Fire Department reached out to the Building Inspector however were not able to reach him and said there is a need to create a protocol for these situations.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Library Board

A motion was offered by Ms. Guenego, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and unanimously carried to appoint Jody Rozenblit a member of the Library Board to a five year unexpired term to December 31, 2019.

Appointment to Tennis Committee

A motion was offered by Mrs. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Poosikian to appoint Robert Contillo to a one year term as a member of the Tennis Committee to December 31, 2019.

Consideration of Hiring New DPW Employee

Mrs. Duffy explained there is an opening in this department and interviews will start shortly

Winter Tree Program

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and unanimously carried:

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the 2019 Winter Tree Program.

Consent Agenda

A motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried to approve the following consent agenda.

Payment of Bills

FOR COPY OF RESOLUTION AND BILL LIST
SEE PERMANENT MINUTES
PAGES 247A – 247F

Approval of Minutes

Executive Meeting of October 9, 2018
Closed Meeting of October 9, 2018
Regular Meeting of October 23, 2018
Closed Meeting of October 23, 2018

Open Meeting to Public

The meeting was opened to the period of public discussion.

Ms. Heather Wasser, Summit Place thanked the Mayor and Council for the publicity regarding the Menorah Lighting.

Mr. J. Albarella, Haworth Avenue and member of the Tennis Committee thanked Mrs. Duffy and Mayor Smart for their efforts regarding the tennis courts and discussed this budget noting there were cuts this year to the budget. He said the major challenge this past year has been problems with Court 4 especially when it rains this court is lower than the others, the abundance of weeds there has created many complaints with problems getting someone to clear them. He went on to say the utilization of the courts was less, they have been trying to increase permits particularly from out of towners and working with a pro noting he had sent a letter to the governing body but received no response.

Mr. Albarella further noted that in 2018 the number of permits were a 50% increase, they are trying to re-energize the Tennis Committee, discussed plans for next year and bringing more formality to the Tennis Committee. He said they will present a budget in December for next year, asked the Mayor and Council to get more involved with the tennis program and said they are against the present effort for other uses for the courts.

Ms. Siciliano then arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Albararella continued the Committee wants to get children involved and the courts are an asset to the town.

Mayor Smart commented there has been a lot of progress made in the past few months regarding the tennis program and noted conversations regarding a Dog Park and a Community Garden for Court 4 and now that the Tennis Committee has a plan their requests will be considered in the 2019 budget.

Mr. Poosikian referred to last year when the Council was told one court would be used by a professional and that was the hesitation. It was thought that several courts would be closed off.

Mr. Albaralla responded that no one was ever closed out.

Ms. B. Borghi, St. Nicholas Avenue noted that leaves placed in the streets are very often blocking one lane of traffic and asked if there was an ordinance regarding this procedure.

Mayor Smart responded that it is up to the police when traffic is blocked.

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

Close Meeting to Public

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Poosikian, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and unanimously carried at 8:45 PM:

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 November 27, 2018 at which time the following items will be discussed:

METRO-Pcs
Affordable Housing DJ Action
Personnel

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public upon completion or conclusion of the foregoing items 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 9:50 PM and as there was no further business to come before the Council a motion was offered by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Bain and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Ann E. Fay, RMC, CMC
Clerk-Administrator