

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2018**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held at the Community Center due to construction at Borough Hall on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. and led those in attendance in a salute to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance.

Mayor Barsa stated:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in the Record and Star Ledger, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk’s office and posting on the bulletin board.”

Roll Call:	Mayor Barsa	Present
	Councilman Marino	Present
	Councilman Haberman	Present
	Councilman Brizzolara	Present
	Council President Ascolese	Present
	Councilman Rooney	Absent
	Councilman Scott	Present

Also, Present:	Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
	Evan Jacobs	Borough Engineer
	Jeffrey Krapels	Borough Police Chief
	Alan Schrader	Superintendent of DPW

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits and requested that all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa informed that anyone wishing a copy of the correspondence could request it from the Borough Clerk.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. There being no request, Mayor

Consent Agenda Continued

Barsa asked for a motion approving the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items.

Approval of Minutes:

June 27, 2018 Work Session

July 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

Approval of the following resolutions:

18:132 Authorizing Closing Adjustment and Credit-638 D’Ercole Court

18:133 Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal of Eun Cho

18:134 Livingston Street 463 Escrow

18:135 Authorize Notice of Bond Sale

18:136 Combining Authorization of Bonds

18:137 Dedication by Rider-Off Duty Police Officers

18:138 Adjustment of 2018 Taxes

18:139 Authorizing Duplicate Tax Certificate

18:140 Corrective Action Plan 2017

18:141 Tax Exempt Certificate

18:142 Payment of Vouchers Property Tax Cancellation

18:143 Appt. Alternate Crossing Guard

Mayor Barsa asked if there were any Resolutions the Council Members wished pulled from the consent agenda. Several of the Council Members had questions regarding the wording of Resolution 18:137. Mayor Barsa asked for Mr. Fede’s opinion on using the words “Off Duty.” Mr. Fede suggested passing the Resolution as a Consent Agenda and amending it at the next meeting if necessary.

It was moved by Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Marino to approve the Consent Agenda. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Ayes: Marino, Haberman, Brizzolara, Ascolese, Scott

Nays: None

Council Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino reported on the Board of Health, having taken in \$258 for June, \$5,388 for July, largely due to the Independence Day Festival and \$58 for August. He further stated there would three new food establishments will be coming to town. He informed that the Bergen County Mosquito Control will spray properties free of charge.

Council Committee Reports Continued:

Councilman Brizzolara:

DPW:

Mr. Brizzolara yielded his time to Mr. Alan Schrader to report on the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Mr. Schrader provided the Council Members with a comprehensive report on Grass Cutting services. He informed the members of the findings and offered to answer questions from the Governing Body. Several Council Members asked Mr. Schrader to clarify some of the findings in the report. Mayor Barsa asked Mr. Fede how best to proceed on going to bid for Grass Cutting/Landscaping Services. Mr. Fede advised on several options for the project/projects

Mr. Schrader stated he received a quote for Janitorial Services at \$17,400, just shy of the bid threshold. He further stated they services were inclusive, thorough and would far exceed the abilities of the DPW Workers due to time constraints/manpower.

Councilman Ascolese:

Police Department Report:

Mr. Ascolese reported on the Police Department. He thanked them for the excellent job they are doing.

Personnel Committee:

Councilman Ascolese reported on interviewing Julianna “Julie” Cerrato to drive the Senior Van. He said he thought she would be a terrific driver being familiar with the Community as a resident of Northvale. Mayor Barsa stated that he thought she would be able to provide the Borough with fifteen (15) to twenty hours of availability for the Borough’s senior Citizens, mostly on Tuesdays and Thursday to start. Mr. Ascolese stated in addition to Ms. Cerrato, a back-up DPW worker in case Julie takes is sick or unable to drive the Senior Van.

Mayor Barsa requested a motion to higher Ms. Cerrato to drive the Senior Van, up to 20 hours a week. Mr. Brizzolara offered a motion, with Mr. Ascolese seconding and the motion carried with unanimous support from the Borough Council.

Councilman Haberman:

Zoning Board:

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Mr. Haberman deferred to Mayor Barsa regarding the zoning board meeting, as he was unable to attend because a conflict of interest. Mayor Barsa informed that a grant application for the Community Walking path was

Council Committee Reports Continued:

extended for another year. Mayor Barsa further stated that an application for a Self Storage facility was delayed.

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Haberman stated that the Environmental Commission did not meet this month. He also stated that a vacancy had been created on the Commission because of the members had moved and no longer resides in the Borough.

School Board:

Mr. Haberman informed on a recent School Board meeting where additional security precautions were being discussed to ensure the safety of area students. He further stated the importance of ensuring substitute teachers were kept up to date on the new procedures even if they infrequently covers classes at the school.

Councilman Scott:

Senior Club:

Council Scott reported that the Senior Club doing very well and they seemed to be happy.

Library:

Mr. Scott stated the Library is extremely busy.

Construction Department:

Mr. Scott stated the Construction Department brought in a lot of revenue.

Mr. Scott asked for an update on the Sea Grave contract. Mr. Fede stated there was correspondence in the Council's Meeting packet that will be discussed tonight during the Closed Session. He further stated that he is not sure what is happening with the contract because Sea Grave continues to request changes to the contract that was included in the Bid Specification.

Public Comment:

Mayor Barsa opened the meeting to the Public. Mr. Haberman Offered a motion, with Mr. Brizzolara seconding and a majority of the Council Members present voting in the affirmative.

Dominic Conguisti, 195 Livingston St, expressed concerns regarding hiring the Grass Cutting/Landscaping Companies. Mayor Barsa addressed the concerns by insuring that Bid Specifications that all contractors are required to comply with all Federal and State Labor Laws.

Public Comment Continued:

Maryann Orrechio, 401 D’Eriquo Court, expressed concern with appointing an alternate Cross Guard. Chief Krapels addressed the resident’s concerns.

Mayor Barsa requested a motion to close the meeting to the Public. Mr. Haberman offered a motion, with Mr. Rooney seconding and an affirmative majority of the Council voting in favor.

Closed Session:

At 8:14 p.m. a motion approving Resolution 18:104 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue and attorney client privilege was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Formal action may be taken upon return to open session.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Ascolese and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Borchers, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk