

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019
7:00 PM

MAYOR BARSÀ

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE
COUNCILMAN SCOTT
COUNCILMAN HABERMAN

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILMAN ROONEY
COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO

The meeting to order at 7:00PM. Mayor Barsa led all in the pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Statement of Compliance: 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.

At roll call all members were present.

Introduction of 2019 Municipal Budget

Mayor Barsa thanked the CFO, finance committee for putting getting a great budget. Mayor Barsa invited Steve Wielkocz borough auditor to summarize the budget.

Ordinance 19:02

An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank Councilman Rooney motioned the introduction of the Ordinance, seconded by Council President Ascolese.

All ayes motion carried

Resolutions

2019:99 Self Examination Resolution

2019:100 Equal Opportunity Resolution

2019:101 Introduction of 2019 Budget Resolution

Motion to approve: Council President Ascolese

Second: Councilman Rooney

All ayes

Correspondence:

1. Departments Reports for March
DPW, Police, Fire, BOH and Construction

Consent Agenda:

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed.

Approval of following Resolutions

2019: 102 Authorizing release of the performance guarantee in the amount of \$719,331.84, acceptance of the site improvements, and acceptance of the maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$99,907.20 CSH Norwood, LLC., block 126, lots 2, 3.01, and 3.02, also known as 545 Tappan Road.

2019:103 Approving refund of Escrow – Alliotts Construction- 8 Helen Court

2019:104 Resolution authorizing engineering services with Neglia Engineering in the borough of Norwood for Kennedy field walking path lighting improvements

2019:105 Resolution authorizing engineering services with Neglia Engineering associates in the Borough of Norwood for 2019 inlet replacement program

2019:106 Approve Escrow Refund Malak Seriani-392 High Street

2019:107 Approve Escrow Refund 277 Rockland Ave

2019:108 Payment of Vouchers

Motion to approve: Council president Ascolese

Second: Councilman Rooney

All ayes

Ordinance for Introduction:

Ordinance 19:03

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Easements on Property known as Block 88, Lot 4 in the Borough of Norwood and the Execution of a Construction and Drainage Easement Agreement for these Purposes.

Motion to Introduce: Councilman Brizzolara

Second: Councilman Rooney

All ayes

Items for Discussion:

Committee Reports:

Councilman Foschino: DPW has been busy with getting the fields ready. Dugouts refurbished, fences were painted. The workshop has been reorganized and cleaned, everything looks great.

Councilman Haberman: Could not attend school board meeting but will get information. Norwood is offering pre school next year for the first time. Agenda online no packages given. Some questions on lockdown procedures. Norwood Education Association supported Ms. Bolan music teacher who was out on leave. Zoning Board: Last meeting the Thuman's bus company dispute to allow buses to be kept on the property was voted down. Rumors that Daibes property has been sold. Norwood 5K run set for October 5, 2019.

Councilman Brizzolara: No report.

Councilman Ascolese: Received the Police monthly report. Mr. Ascolese deferred to Chief Krapels, who discussed two motor vehicle stops. One motor vehicle stop was a courier from North Carolina that had high quantity of drugs. The second was a local drug dealer that was carrying an assortment of drugs. Two officers on a midnight shift apprehend a burglar, trying to steal a car in in Closter. Councilman Ascolese commented that with a traffic stop, it is not necessarily a resident of the borough but people passing through the town. Mayor Barsa commended the Police officers and added that it's the reason why Norwood was ranked 75th safest town in the US. Mayor Barsa asked Chief Krapels about the SRO program at the school. Chief Krapels responded that our Police Officers have a great reputation with the children. The Police officers are interacting with all the teachers, the program is working well.

Councilman Ascolese as liaison to the Planning board was in contact with Bob Regan, the Master Plan was approved, some changes being made to the Master Plan. There was a personnel meeting which will be discussed with the Council at another meeting. A request was submitted by borough clerk to attend a Grant writing class to which it was approved with the stipulation that is in the borough policy.

Councilman Rooney: The budget is introduced. The new Fire truck is coming along nicely, ahead of production. There are 3 vehicles at the FD. Truck 86 has served the borough well but is incurring some maintenance. Perhaps five years down the road we may need to purchase another truck. Mr. Rooney stated he will discuss more at the next work session.

Councilman Scott: Met with Community Development to discuss how much money we have with grants. The last couple of years grants were used for the senior services and also for the last couple of years for the bus driver.

Mayor Barsa: The borough received a grant of \$170,000 for Fairway Terrace. Norwood has two basketball championship team, 4th grade boys defeated New Milford and the 8th grade girls defeated New Milford by 3 points.

Public Comment:

Jim Elling 263 Summit Street, representing the Green team came before the council to request some funds towards next years fair.

Annie Hausmann 71 Briarwood thanked the governing body for their support to the Green Team. Ms. Hausmann asked if the budget is available and if there was a progress report on 521-525 Livingston Street.

Allen Rapaport 844 Hemlock Court asked for a copy of the Budget. Mr. Rapaport questioned the line items on the Budget.

Adjournment:

With no further discussions to come before the council Mayor Barsa adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Motion: Councilman Brizzolara

Second: Councilman Ascolese

All Ayes

Respectfully submitted

Laura Borchers, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk.