

Borough of Norwood  
Work Session Minutes  
October 25, 2017

The Work/Executive Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Councilman	Joseph Ascolese
Councilman	John Rooney (7:02 PM)
Council President	Barry Scott

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Evan Jacobs

Absent:

Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
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Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits.

**Items for Discussion:**

Discussion regarding making an application to NJ DOT's Local Freight Impact Fund grant for 2018 – possible trucking routes to receive funding would be Walnut, Oak and Chestnut Streets - Mr. Evans explained that this is a new grant opportunity through the Transportation Trust Fund to mitigate truck traffic on local streets. He further explained that the municipality would have to show that there is 5% heavy truck traffic through a traffic study report and pictures. Milling and paving, new construction as well as bridge preservation would be considered. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Chestnut and Walnut Streets be examined for this grant. Also, Mr. Evans was asked to see if the Borough could make application for the Oak Street pavement improvements even though the Borough has bonded for the reconstruction of this road.

Review of ordinance to vacate Mohawk Avenue for introduction at the November 8, 2017 meeting – Mr. Fede reported that both homeowners have agreed to the terms of the deed restrictions and recommended the ordinance be introduced at the November 8, 2017. No objections were voiced.

Discussion regarding amending Chapter 137 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood entitled Garage Sales to conform with the present sign ordinance – Mr. Fede explained that the Borough Administrator brought to his attention that the section of the Garage Sale ordinance regarding signs has to be amended to comply with the sign ordinance. He will prepare this ordinance and will examine the Code to see if there are other chapters that should be amended.

Borough Attorney Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had matters to discuss in Closed Session.

Borough Engineer Report – Mr. Evans referred to his monthly report (Attachment “A”) as follows:

The 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant application for the McClellan Street Sidewalk Improvements was submitted on October 5, 2017. In response to Mr. Scott’s question as to whether it is mandatory to paint bicycle paths on roads, Mr. Evans advised that it is not.

Mr. Ascolese noted seeing painted arrows on the newly paved east side of Tappan Road. Both Mr. Evans and Mayor Barsa advised that that would investigate.

**Public Comment:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Ascolese. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Allen Rapaport, 844 Hemlock Court, voiced his recollection that the conflict engineer, Maser Consulting, for 527 Livingston Street, LLC was to provide reports on a regular basis regarding this development. Mayor Barsa advised that it was the consensus of the Council that reports by the Construction Official would be sufficient.

Mr. Rapaport also questioned whether the escrow accounting for this development, as well as others, is current. Mr. Rooney asked that the Construction Official, Mr. Tessaro, be notified that he is expected to provide monthly reports to the Council regarding these matters.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Closed Session:**

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion approving Resolution 17:161 authorizing the governing body to convene into closed session to discuss the Sanzari Tax Appeal, Affordable Housing Litigation update, Zoning Certificate provisions and Oak Street Drainage Easement. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rooney. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:20 PM, Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk