

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 7:03 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
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Councilman	Joseph Ascolese
Councilman	John Rooney

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Evan Jacobs
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran
Council-Elect	Paul Haberman

Absent:

Council President	Barry Scott
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Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. No Council Member wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- 17:167 Approving and Authorizing the Reduction of the Performance Guarantees of Capital Seniors Housing, L.L.C – Reduction No. 2
- 17:168 Approving and Authorizing the Release of the Performance Bond of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. Re: D’Ercole Farm Subdivision
- 17:169 Authorizing the Clerk to advertise for Requests for Qualification for various Borough Professionals for 2018
- 17:170 Authorizing the purchase of a 2018 Ford Utility Police Interceptor for Norwood EMS from the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System
- 17:171 Authorizing the purchase of two 2018 Ford Police Interceptor SUV’s for Norwood Police Department from the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System

- 17:172 Authorizing the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0241-33-005-007 to Fotis and Kiriaki Vardakis following a Special Ruling by the Director of ABC
- 17:173 Authorizing the submission of a Grant Application to NJDOT for Walnut Street Roadway Improvements

The motion was made by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for Discussion:

Retirement of Borough owned vehicle/ County Auction – Mr. Ascolese advised that the Mayor asked the Safety Committee to examine this matter. Accordingly, he, Mr. Marino, Mrs. Orecchio and Chief Krapels met twice. Council Members were asked to speak with their respective departments regarding what vehicles should be retired due to age, condition and mileage. Two vehicles each were identified for the Fire, EMS and Police Departments. A resolution will be prepared by the Borough Clerk authorizing these six vehicles to be auctioned for approval at the December 13, 2017 Public Meeting once she receives the vehicle descriptions and vin numbers.

Ordinance to ban overnight parking on a seasonal basis – Mr. Ascolese reported that a survey was taken of the seven northern valley towns to learn that four towns ban overnight parking all year; two ban overnight parking on a seasonal basis during the snow months; and Norwood is the only town to have no restriction. He continued that a study conducted by the Police Department showed that 400 vehicles were parked in the street overnight and 100 vehicles were parked on snow-covered streets. Mr. Ascolese voiced his opinion that the Borough should have an overnight parking ban, adding that it is Chief Krapels' recommendation that it first be done on a seasonal basis, i.e. November 15th to April 15th.

During discussion it was noted that a ban would pose a hardship on some households and it was suggested that for exceptions, sticker/permits should be issued. Further discussion will continue with Chief Krapels at the next Work Session (January 24, 2018).

Borough Attorney Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had matters to discuss in Closed Session. He questioned the name the Council wishes to name the roadway associated with the Jones property, and it was the consensus that it be Jones Court. Mr. Fede will so inform the Tax Assessor.

At this time, Mr. Marino noted that the Environmental Commission voiced opposition and concern with the tree cutting on this property. Mrs. McMackin explained that upon the Police seeing the removal of these trees, the Construction Official was notified and he issued a stop work order. She further noted that the developer does not have a perfected subdivision, executed Developer's Agreement or signed mylar.

Mr. Brizzolara voiced his opinion that the developer should be issued a fine with the amount based upon the number of trees removed. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the Borough Engineer work with the Construction Code Official and Administrator to determine what was actually approved and what work, if any, was done outside of the approval.

Borough Engineer Report – Mr. Evans referred to his monthly report "Attachment A" as follows:

Borough Hall Roof Repairs – plans and specifications are being developed.

D'Ercole Farm Subdivision – Helen Court has been paved. Mrs. McMackin voiced her belief that application has been made for a road opening permit for Helen Court and will have the DPW Superintendent investigate.

Borough Administrator Report – Mrs. McMackin reported meeting with Ms. Carolyn Bryan, Community Health Coordinator, Pascack Valley Medical Center, and would like to be given suggestions as to how to reach out to the Borough's residents, not only Seniors. Mrs. McMackin provided the contact information for the President of the Norwood Senior Citizen Club as well as suggestions for some programs: stress management classes; chair yoga classes, cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose screening; concussion practicums for youth recreation coaches; CPR teaching for Borough staff members. Ms. Bryan is also interested in becoming a member of the Senior Advisory Board. Mr. Marino recommended that the President of the Board of Health be involved in these discussions.

Public Comment:

At this time Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rooney and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Dominick Congiusti, President of Norwood Fire Co. No. 1, thanked the Mayor and Council and Mrs. McMackin for the help they provided the Fire Company over the year in working toward the purchase of the new fire truck. He announced that the Holiday parade will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2017 and that lunch will be served from 11:00 AM on at the Fire House. Mr. Congiusti continued that the parade will start at 5:00 PM with the line-up beginning at 4:45 PM at Kensington and Somerset.

Mr. Congiusti referred to the previous discussion regarding overnight parking and suggested that for those streets where stickers may be necessary there be alternate side of the street parking.

No one else wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rooney. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Closed Session:

At 8:00 PM Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 17:174 authorizing the governing body to convene into closed session to discuss the Hoil Lee Tax Appeal, Sale of Borough-owned property, Norwood Gardens Ground Lease and Amended Ground Lease, Purchase of new fire truck through a National Cooperative, Developer's Agreement for 316 Piermont Road and Personnel. Formal action may be taken once the Council reconvenes in open session.

The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

At 9:03 PM Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 17:175, “Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal of Hoil Lee”. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rooney. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 17:17, “An Ordinance Ratifying and Confirming a Ground Lease and Amended Ground Lease and Authorizing a First Amendment to Amended Ground Lease with Norwood Gardens Condominium Association, Inc.”. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Ascolese. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Brizzolara, Ascolese and Rooney

Nays: None

Absent: Scott

There being five ayes and no nays, Ordinance No. 17:17 was introduced with the Public Hearing scheduled for December 13th at 7:00 PM.

Motion authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the purchase of a fire truck was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. The motion was carried with all Council Members present voting in the affirmative.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM was made by Mr. Ascolese, 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