

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 14, 2017**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held at Borough Hall on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM 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 Sunshine Notice sent to 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	Absent
	Councilwoman Orecchio	Absent
	Councilman Brizzolara	Present
	Councilman Ascolese	Absent
	Councilman Rooney	Present
	Council President Scott	Present

Also Present:	Andrew T. Fede	Borough Attorney
	Judith Curran	Chief Financial Officer
	Jeffrey Krapels	Chief of Police

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

Public Comment Session

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rooney seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Ms. Kate Cerbasi, 90 Kensington Avenue thanked the Mayor and Council for permitting the PTO to hold their annual carnival at the Borough Hall. She said it was extremely successful and could not have taken place without the help from the Police Department and DPW.

Mr. Dominick Congiusti, 195 Livingston Street informed the governing body that Assemblyman Robert Auth recently attended a meeting at the Fire House where the lack of volunteers and the time requirement to become a fireman was discussed. The

Public Comment Continued:

Fire Department suggested that the State permit volunteer firemen to take some of the classroom instruction on-line with only the practical portion of the program done at the Fire Academy. Assemblyman Auth submitted a draft bill to allow courses and lectures to be offered on-line. Mr. Congiusti asked for support from the governing body for the passage of this bill.

Mr. Allen Rapaport, 844 Hemlock Court commended the PTO on the excellent job they did with the carnival and dog show and said many people that attended the dog show said they would like to see a dog park.

There being no other member of the public wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation:

Mr. Renaud reviewed his property maintenance report for the governing body. Mr. Brizzolara asked Mr. Renaud what his plans were for enforcement of property maintenance issues. Mr. Renaud responded that enforcement of property maintenance issues is secondary to his other duties as building sub-code official and suggested that the governing body hire a code enforcement officer. At this time Mr. Renaud left the meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Renaud receive a Rice Notice for the next governing body meeting to discuss these issues. The report was submitted for the record, see attachment "A". Chief Krapels was questioned regarding the property at 53 Broad Street and the abandoned vehicles. Chief Krapels explained that some of the vehicles have Transit plates on them and that they are moved every 30 days. One vehicle is under a tarp and the police do not have the authority to go on the property and look under the tarp to see if the vehicle is unregistered. As for vehicles parking on the grass, the Borough ordinance does not address it. The Council discussed the ordinances and their ineffectiveness and asked the Borough Clerk and Mr. Fede to look into how other towns address this issue.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa announced that it was Myasthenia Gravis and Scleroderma Awareness Month.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Thank you note from NPS Class of 2018 for permission to use Trackside Park for the Dog Show
2. Letter from NJ DOT informing that the Borough's request for funds under the NJ DOT 2017 Municipal Aid Program for the Broad Street Bridge Project was denied
3. Notification of the award of \$10,693.65 in Clean Communities Grant Money
4. Construction Department Permit Fee Log Report for May 2017
5. DPW Monthly Report
6. Board of Health May Report
7. Police Department May Report
8. Resolution from the Township of Mahwah recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day and committing to prevent gun violence

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. Mr. Scott requested that approval of the May 11, 2017 minutes and Resolution 17:102 be removed for separate vote. There being no other request Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes of May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting and May 24, 2017 Work/Executive Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 17:95 Authorizing the signing of an Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and Verizon Wireless
- 17:103 Urging NJ Representatives to support legislative action to re-authorize and extend the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- 17:104 Approving the issuance of a Peddler's & Solicitor's License to Dudley Albert

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 17:105 Endorsing Resolution for the application of a Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for Pedestrian Lighting for the Kennedy Park Walking Path
- 17:106 Authorizing Settlement of Tax appeals of TD Bank successor by merger to Commerce Bank for Block 100, Lot 15, 435 Livingston Street
- 17:107 Authorizing a Refund of Tax Overpayment for Block 28, Lot 5
- 17:108 Authorizing payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,484,403.53

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

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Rooney and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. On the roll call vote all members of the Council voted to approve the motion with the exception of Mr. Scott who abstained.

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain motion to approve Resolution 17:02 Approving the proposal from Arcari & Iovino in the amount of \$8,600 for the improvements to Council Chambers. Motion to approve Resolution 17:102 was made by Mr. Rooney and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. On the roll call vote all members of the Council voted to approve the motion with the exception of Mr. Scott who abstained.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 17:06

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 233 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Titled "Zoning", Regarding Permitted Encroachments

It was moved by Mr. Rooney and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mr. Allen Rapaport, 844 Hemlock Court requested that a brief explanation of the ordinance be provided to the public. Mr. Fede explained that the ordinance is to amend the that portion of the Zoning Ordinance that deals with walkways in a

Public Hearing of Ordinance 17:06 Continued:

residential zone. Presently walkways are to be constructed from the front doorway to the street and are not permitted to go from the doorway to the driveway. The new ordinance will permit the construction of walkways from the front of the house to the driveway.

There being no other member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rooney to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rooney to approve Ordinance 17:06. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Rooney and Scott
Nays: None
Absent: Marino, Orecchio and Ascolese

There being three (3) ayes and no nays Ordinance 17:06 was approved and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

Introduction of Ordinance 17:07

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to fix salaries, wages and compensation of certain officials, officers and employees of the Borough of Norwood, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey" and setting forth the method of paying salaries and any other ordinances amending said ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rooney to approve Ordinance 17:07 on its first reading. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Rooney and Scott
Nays: None
Absent: Marino, Ascolese and Orecchio

Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Introduction of Ordinance 17:08

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 200 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood
Regulating Storm Water Management.

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rooney to approve Ordinance
17:08 on its first reading. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Rooney and Scott
Nays: None
Absent: Marino, Ascolese and Orecchio

Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday,
July 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports

Councilman Marino:

In the absence of Mr. Marino, no report was given.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

In the absence of Mrs. Orecchio, no report was given.

Councilman Brizzolara:

DPW

Mr. Brizzolara reported that interviews for two temporary and one permanent
position was advertised for and interviews for the position have been scheduled.

Councilman Ascolese:

In the absence of Mr. Ascolese no report was given.

Councilman Rooney:

Mr. Rooney had nothing to report.

Councilman Scott:

Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 AM was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rooney and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk