

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
January 27, 2010

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

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

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 Press Journal.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Councilman	John Nicolai

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	John Speer

ABSENT:

Council President	Edward Condoleo
Councilman	Allen Rapaport

Approval of Resolution 10:36 Authorizing transfers of 2009 Budget Appropriation Reserves in the amount of \$1,000.00 – Motion of approval was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Approval of Resolution 10:37 Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the amount of \$860,251.13 - Motion of Approval was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for Discussion:

Kennedy Park War Memorial Water Feature - Mrs. McMackin explained that the wood chips around the memorial are entering the trough, clogging it and burning out the pump. She advised that the contractor, Let It Grow, submitted an astronomical estimate for laying a flat slab of granite or plexiglass over the trough to prevent the clogging. She asked for Council approval to contact local landscapers to submit ideas for remediation, scope of work and cost estimate. Mrs. McMackin continued that there was no flaw in the design but the possibility of children throwing wood chips and garbage into the trough was not considered. No objections were voiced by the Council.

Board of Education/Board of Norwood joint gas purchasing – Mrs. McMackin explained that the Board of Education approached the Borough to permit them to gas their vehicles at the Borough garage. The Borough is part of a cooperative purchasing agreement with the County and purchases the fuel at a lower cost. Chief Krapels informed her that the Police Department could create a log and spread sheet for the Board of Education for regular gasoline and he would provide her with the amount to bill them. She advised that she would have to speak with the DPW Superintendent to determine if this could also be done for the diesel fuel. The Borough Attorney provided his opinion that a resolution should be adopted by both entities authorizing an interlocal agreement. Motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare the Resolution was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio with all Council Members present voting aye.

Engineer's Report - Mr. Speer reported that the County is planning to resurface Blanch Avenue under their 2010 road program and that he has made arrangements to have an on-site inspection with the County Engineer to see if the drainage problems can be addressed. He voiced his opinion that the sidewalks would have to be lifted. (The monthly Engineer's Report is Attachment "A".)

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had a contract matter to discuss in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin reported that the County is having an on-site mobile shred program whereby the residents would be able to have any documents they wished shredded free-of-charge. She also noted that there are files the Borough can dispose of and requested permission to participate in this program. Motion of approval was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried with all Council Members voting aye.

Mrs. McMackin requested and received permission to prepare the following for the February 2, 2010 Public Meeting Agenda:

- Proclamation acknowledging Scouting's 100th Anniversary
- Proclamation commending the Scouts and honoring Scouting's 100th Anniversary
- Resolution authorizing the Borough to participate in the Paris Grant Program
- Resolution appointing Adriana D'Apolito as an Alternate School Crossing Guard

Mrs. McMackin reported that it is the opinion of Michael Kauker, the Borough's Planner, that the Borough proceed slowly with its substantive certification in light of the recent bill introduced to abolish COAH. Motion of agreement was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried by the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Mrs. McMackin will notify Mr. Kauker of the Council's decision.

General Public Comment:

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

George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street, recommended that the public be notified via the website when a Mayor and Council meeting is cancelled. He suggested that the now all Republican Council reach out to the Democratic population to volunteer on various committees.

Mr. Hertzberg voiced his opinion that the municipality should provide guidance and counseling to residents who are unemployed.

Tony Foschino, 48 Burlington Street, referred to the \$50,000.00 recycling tonnage grant monies received and voiced his disagreement with the plan to purchase a used roll-off truck to pick up white goods. Mr. Nicolai explained that there are strict guidelines established by the State for the use of these funds. He added that the purchase of this vehicle is being explored with no decision having been made. The committee's recommendation is to use a portion of the grant money for a K-8 Norwood Public and Holy Family School project to raise awareness for recycling costing approximately \$1,000.00.

Mr. Foschino also referred to the recent inspection of the compost facility by perspective operators and voiced displeasure that many of their questions regarding the specifications could not be answered.

Following a brief question and answer period concerning the present operation of the facility and what is anticipated, Mr. Scott advised that perspective operators must show that they will be good stewards of the property and mindful of the Northwoods neighbors. Mrs. McMackin continued that they must also present a business plan, proof that they hold the necessary permits and show that they have the experience to operate the compost facility. She explained

that the RFP's are scheduled to be received and opened on January 28, 2010 and would be reviewed by the committee for report to the Mayor and Council.

Murray Bass, 331 Piermont Road, requested and received Mayor and Council permission to work with the Administrator/Clerk on the 2011 Borough calendar. He suggested that each month show a different scene and that advertising space be purchased by local businesses to offset or pay for the printing of the calendar. Mr. Bass also requested permission to work on the Borough website and to be appointed the Borough's official photographer. No objections were voiced by the governing body.

No one else wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting of the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott with all Council Members present voting aye.

At 8:45 PM, a motion to approve Resolution 10:38 authorizing the Mayor and Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss a matter relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real equipment was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa resumed the meeting at 8:56 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Nicolai to expend approximately \$800 of the recycling tonnage grant monies to establish a contest for Norwood Public School and Holy Family School to generate awareness for recycling. Grades K-5 would entail a poster contest and a creative essay contest for grades 6-8. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Orecchio with all Council Members present voting aye.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Marino and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk