

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
May 26, 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 8:02 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 Press Journal.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Edward Condoleo (8:04 PM)
Councilman	Allen Rapaport (8:04 PM)

ABSENT:

Councilman	John Nicolai
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede (8:04 PM)
Borough Engineer	John Speer
Chief of Police	Jeffrey Krapels

Public Hearing of Ordinance 10:09:

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

An Ordinance Authorizing An Emergency Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 10:09 was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Condoleo. On the roll call vote:

Ayes:	Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Condoleo and Rapaport
Nays:	None
Absent:	Nicolai

There being six (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 10:09 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Approval of Resolution 10:11 Authorizing the issuance of Raffle License 10:11 to Holy Family School for an on-premise 50/50: Motion of approval was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for discussion:

Bergen County Improvement Authority – Capital purchasing – approve list of items to be leased - The Council reviewed the list that was essentially those items requested in 2008. Since Chief Krapels was in attendance, he provided his explanation regarding his department's needs. He advised that in light of the recent layoff of two Police Officers, he recommended that the lease of two vehicles be postponed until 2011. Mr. Rapaport suggested that the Finance Department investigate what has been spent on vehicle repairs other than oil changes and tire replacement. Motion to approve the Chief of Police's capital requests was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Marino who voted no.

Following further review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the department liaisons invite representatives to speak to their capital requests at a special budget meeting scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Control Link Estimate from Musco Lighting for Kennedy Park Ballfield – Mrs. McMackin explained that an inspection was made of the lighting system by Musco Lighting and she received confirmation that the system does have the capability for remote access; however, the program needs to be upgraded. She referred to the quote received from Musco Lighting for \$11,155.00 to include the purchase and installation of equipment with ten years of control link central service. Mrs. McMackin advised that the project could be funded from the Open Space Trust Fund and verified that the field lights could be turned on and off remotely in sections.

Mr. Marino recommended that restrictions be placed on the use of lights especially during the summer, that softball and baseball games begin at 6:00 PM and that a curfew be established for calling games. All Council Members present were in agreement and Mayor Barsa asked Mr. Marino to discuss these matters with the Recreation Committee.

Motion to go forward with the project was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. A resolution endorsing the project will be placed on the agenda of the June 1, 2010 Public Meeting.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Speer referred to his monthly report dated May 21, 2010 (Attachment "A").

Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had items for discussion in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin explained that she has contacted Christine Hageman regarding the Bergen County Open Space Fox Hill Trail matching grant that was awarded for \$15,000.00. She further explained that the County has given the Borough six months to complete the project or the funding will be lost. Mr. Scott recommended that Ms. Hageman provide the Council with a written report and description of what is planned for this project. Mr. Speer voiced his opinion that the permit for the bridge would most likely be higher than \$9,000.00 and advised he would contact Ms. Hageman.

General Public Comment:

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

Lisa Kurtz, 401 D'Ercole Court, confirmed that the Council this evening voted to go forward with the installation of the control mechanism to remotely turn on and off the Kennedy Field lights.

No one else wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Closed Session:

At 8:37 PM, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 10:112 to authorize the Mayor and Council to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing tax appeals, ground lease changes and personnel issues after which time formal action may be taken. The motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

At 9:03 PM, Mayor Barsa convened the regular meeting. Motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare a written response to the attorney for P & K advising that the Borough does not intend to rescind Resolution 10:92 rejecting their proposal to operate the leaf compost facility, was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM was made by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk