

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
December 29, 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 8:07 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 P. Barsa
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Ed Condoleo
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	John Nicolai

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	John Speer

Public Hearing of Bond Ordinance 10:16:

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him Bond Ordinance No. 10:16 for Council action entitled:

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE LIVINGSTON STREET DRAINAGE AND STREETScape PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,065,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”

Mayor Barsa explained that the \$750,000.00 for the Livingston Street drainage included in this bond ordinance will be repaid by the County.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

No member of the public wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 10:16 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Condoleo, Rapaport and Nicolai

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried with six affirmative votes and no nay votes. This ordinance will take effect following the twenty-day estoppel period after publication on January 6, 2011.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Barsa explained that since a proclamation declaring April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day in the Borough was not done, he was doing so this evening.

Before proceeding, Mayor Barsa announced that the following Special Emergency Notes were sold by the Borough:

\$90,000.00 on December 16, 2010 to TD Bank at 1.55% interest rate per annum to mature on December 16, 2011 per ordinance 07:08 adopted on May 1, 2007 authorizing an emergency appropriation for the revaluation of real property.

\$55,000.00 on December 28, 2010 to Mariner's Bank at 1.65% interest rate per annum to mature on December 16, 2011 per ordinance No. 10:09 adopted on May 4, 2010 authorizing an emergency appropriation for the reassessment of real property.

Items for Discussion:

Haring Cemetery neighborhood coalition and Historic Preservation Committee proposal for improvements

Mayor Barsa explained that the governing body asked the members of the Committee and neighborhood coalition to meet and design a proposal that would be agreeable to both groups. He introduced Richard Williams, 327 Tappan Road, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee and Robert Garner, 8 Meadow Lane, member of the neighborhood coalition.

Mr. Williams reported that he believed a compromise has been reached regarding the delineation of the perimeter of the cemetery and its landscaping, both to be done at the same time. He noted that this compromise, as outlined in the attached Resolution, is not acceptable to all members of the Historic Preservation Committee.

During discussion, the Borough Attorney, Mr. Fede confirmed that the “H” markers were originally delivered to the Norwood Historic Society. Borough Engineer, Mr. Speer advised that the concrete markers were installed at the four corners of the cemetery and are four inches below grade.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked if any member of the public wished to speak to the Haring Cemetery issue.

Judith Lamp, 120 Summit Street, voiced strong objection to the plant list, explaining that the Cryptomeria grows to 100 ft. in height, not 5-7 ft., and that Dawn Redwood trees are huge trees that are not planted in cemeteries. She continued with her opinion that the manner in which the cemetery is being delineated and landscaped is not in keeping with it being a public place in the public trust.

Ken DeGraaf, 1 Meadow Court, voiced agreement with the resolution since it addresses the entire neighborhood.

Mayor Barsa reminded that the delineation and landscaping of the Haring Cemetery has been a long on-going process and it is his belief that the compromise reached by both sides will work. He asked for a motion to approve Resolution 10:222 which was by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio.

On Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Condoleo and Rapaport
Nays: Scott and Nicolai

There being four ayes and two nays, the motion carried and Resolution 10:222 was approved.

Library Renovation adding a second means of egress

Mr. Scott referred to the plans submitted by Axis Architectural Studio for a second exit door on the north side of the building, as detailed in a letter dated December 1, 2010 from the Library Director, Siobhan Koch (Attachment “A”). He reminded that the plans have been approved by the Library Board of Trustees and that the cost of the construction would be borne entirely by them. Mr. Rapaport asked that the design and mechanical drawings be provided the Construction Official and Borough Engineer.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve the proposed project. The motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Round 3 COAH Motion for Stay, Pursuant to the October 8, 2010 Appellate Court Decision

Mr. Fede asked that this matter be discussed in Closed Session as it is a matter of potential litigation.

Engineer's Monthly Report

Mr. Speer referred to his monthly report (Attachment "B"). Mr. Marino advised that he received a telephone complaint from Dr. Scilingo regarding the road opening by PSE&G and what he considered to be substandard patch work by his office at 510 Broadway. Mr. Speer asked to be provided with Dr. Scilingo's contact information advising that he would discuss the matter with Dave Hollenbeck of PSE&G on his behalf.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Fede advised that he had personnel matters to discuss in closed session.

Administrator Report

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

General Public Comment:

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members voting aye.

George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street, advised he was pleased to hear that a compromise was reached regarding the Haring Cemetery.

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

Approval of Resolution No. 10:223 authorizing the Mayor and Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters

At 8:55 PM., Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to proceed in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and matters of potential litigation. The motion was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor Barsa declared a five-minute recess before proceeding in Closed Session.

Mayor Barsa resumed the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to research the Round 3 COAH Motion for Stay was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to contact the attorney for the Goodwins' regarding their intent to deed their lot in the Fox Hill area (Essig Street, Blk 167, Lot 5) to the Borough was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Nicolai with all Council Members present voting aye.

Motion authorizing the transfer of the Borough's Glock Model 23, Serial Number GMW 751, to Officer Anthony Blandino upon his retirement and the Borough's receipt of funds sufficient to permit the purchase a new weapon of the same make and model was made by Mr. Nicolai and seconded by Mr. Rapaport.

Before Roll Call Vote, Mrs. Orecchio questioned if this action had ever been taken in the past by a previous Council. Mr. Scott voiced his opinion that it had.

On Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Scott, Condoleo, Rapaport and Nicolai
Nays: Marino and Orecchio

There being four ayes and two nays, the motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM was made by Mr. Scott, 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