

Borough of Norwood  
Work/Executive Session  
June 29, 2011

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 8:05 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 Special Meeting through a Sunshine Notice sent to the Record.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	John Nicolai
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Edward Condoleo
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Frank Marino (8:25 P.M.)

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Anthony Kurus

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

- 11:130 Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program
- 11:131 Approving the Renewal of the 2011-2012 Liquor Licenses
- 11:132 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
- 11:133 Chapter 159 Approving an Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the amount of \$8,296.26 from FY2011 Clean Communities Grant

The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members voted in the affirmative with the exception of Mr. Marino who was not present at the roll call vote.

## **Public Hearing on Ordinance 11:06**

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

*“CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$146,189.50 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND A VEHICLE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO TRANSFER AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE BOROUGH’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND UNEXPENDED BOND ORDINANCE BALANCE AND REAPPROPRIATE SAME TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION”*

Mayor Barsa explained that this ordinance re-appropriates funds from a 2006 capital ordinance to purchase capital items that were requested by the various departments in 2008. He asked the Clerk/Administrator to enumerate them:

Fire Department – air pack bottles and other firefighting equipment; EMS – vital sign monitors for ambulances, carbon monoxide detecting device, laptop computers for electronic charting, generator for EMS building; Department of Public Works – pick-up truck with plow; Borough Buildings – new telephone systems for Borough Hall and Police Department, records sharing system for Police Department.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport 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. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to close the meeting to the public.

At this time, Mr. Scott questioned the inclusion of an electrical generator for the Ambulance Corps building and was referred to the letter dated June 23, 2011 submitted by the officers and Trustees of Norwood EMS (Attachment “A”). EMS Chief Tom Simpson and Assistant Chief Dan Polifroni, who were in attendance, also provided their explanation. Following a brief discussion, motion to adopt Ordinance 11:06 was made by Mr. Nicolai and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio.

On the Roll Call Vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:06 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

## **Items for Discussion:**

### Presentation by Amberjack – Solar Energy

Jim Kloster, Vice President of Sales; Jamie K. Lubin, Solar Sales Consultant and Brian Katz, Solar Sales Consultant were in attendance. They provided a history of the company and distributed hand-outs detailing the power purchase agreement with drawings showing the number and location of solar panels for the municipal complex. During the presentation, the following points were highlighted:

- There is no initial outlay of money; the system is installed at no cost.
- Estimated savings is a reduction from 19 cents kw/hr to 10.5 cents kw/hr.
- Monitoring and maintenance of the system are included.
- The power purchase agreement has an escalator clause whereby the utility rate will not rise more than 2.5% a year (historically utilities see at least a 6% increase per year).
- It is a fifteen year contract with a five-year extension and buyout after the twenty years.
- There is a thirty year warrantee.
- Company engineers have the highest certification and the lead engineer has ten years experience.
- City of Garfield has employed Amberjack to install solar panels on 12 municipal buildings.

The Mayor and Council thanked Messrs. Kloster and Lubin for their informative presentation.

### Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application

The Administrator/Clerk asked that the Mayor and Council think about possible applications for discussion at the July 27, 2011 Work Session.

### Police Consolidation Agreement

Mayor Barsa asked if there was a consensus to move forward with the Police Consolidation study with the Borough of Harrington Park with funding from the Bergen Prosecutor's office. Since no objections were voiced, motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to approve Resolution 11:35 authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement prepared by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office pertaining to the two Borough's undertaking a feasibility study for the consolidation of law enforcement services of both Boroughs. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

### 2010 Municipal Audit

The Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Trivedi, advised that he is in the process of preparing the corrective action plan for the 2010 Municipal Audit and will e-mail his comments to all.

### Engineer's Report

Mr. Turus advised that the matters needed to be addressed were the bid results for the Livingston Street Drainage Project, Blanche Avenue Sidewalks and Curbs and the renovation of the pumping stations, all to be discussed in Closed Session.

### Borough Attorney's Report

Mr. Fede advised that he had contracts and tax appeal matters to discuss in Closed Session.

### Administrator's Report

Mrs. McMackin reminded that Chief Krapels asked for permission to hire SLEO's. Therefore, motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Nicolai authorizing the Chief of Police to hire one SLEO1's and two SLEO2's. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

### **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.

Gregg Levy, 341 Westwind Court, requested Mayor and Council guidance since the junk vehicle parked in his neighborhood has not been removed. He is very concerned as he is in the process of putting his home on the market and has been advised by a realtor that the presence of this vehicle will reduce the value of his home. Mr. Levy has been informed by the Chief of Police that tickets have been issued to the owner. Mr. Fede explained that municipal court summonses are issued for ordinance violations and that it is up to the Judge to hear the case and if found guilty, determine a fine. The Borough Attorney was asked to contact the Chief of Police to find out the status of the tickets issued for report back to the Administrator/Clerk.

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

### Approval of Resolution 11:134 Authorizing the Council to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing contracts for the Pump Stations and Blanch Avenue Curb and Sidewalk Project, Livingston Street Drainage Project and tax appeal settlements

At 9:12 P.M., motion approving Resolution 11:134 was made by Mr. Condoleo seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

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

At 9:35 P.M., Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting and asked for a motion approving the following resolutions:

- 11:136         Awarding the Contract for the Livingston Street Drainage Improvements to Reivax Contracting
- 11:137         Awarding the Contract for the Blanch Avenue Sidewalk Improvements to A. Takton Concrete Corp.
- 11:138         Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeals for John and Nancy Hulbrock

The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Nicolai who voted no.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 P.M. was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio with all Council Members present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk