

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
November 28, 2012

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 8:05 PM.

Mayor Barsa asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of former Councilwoman Dolores Senatore who served the Borough for many years.

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.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	John Nicolai
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Frank Marino
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Edward Condoleo (8:10 PM)

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Dan Kaufman

Consent Agenda:

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

- 12:188 Approving Change Order No. 6 for the Livingston Street Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$9,000.00
- 12:189 Authorizing 2012 Budget Appropriation Transfers in the amount of \$44,700.00
- 12:190 Amending the Capital Budget

Consent Agenda cont'd:

Motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Introduction of Bond Ordinance 12:12:

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

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RENOVATION OF THE LOWER LEVEL AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AND A GENERATOR AT THE NORWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$753,600 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE NORWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY – Resolution 12:191

At this time, Mr. Scott explained that the funding for this bond ordinance was derived from the estate of Barbara Shaw, and through the diligence and persistence of the Library Board of Trustees, this renovation will occur with these funds and donations from the public.

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 12:12. On the roll call vote:

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

On a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:12 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Items for Discussion:

Lightning Detection System Update – Mayor Barsa explained that the Norwood portion of this project for the eight municipal and school entities will be \$7,376.00. Only two monitors are required, one for Kennedy Field that would cover the Swim Club, and one for Norwood Public that would cover the fields at Holy Family School. In response to Mr. Scott's question regarding maintenance, Mayor Barsa advised that recalibration would be required every four to five years and batteries would have to be changed every seven years.

Board of Health Fee Ordinance – Mr. Marino explained that the Board of Health members voted to increase the Board’s fee schedule and that an ordinance is scheduled for adoption at their December 3, 2012 meeting. He advised that of the 43 fees, 12 would be increased and that it is the Board’s contention that those increases are less than the cost of living increase (Attachment “A”). Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Marino, as Board of Health liaison, report to the Board that the Council is not in favor of increasing fees during these economic times and question whether there is a shortfall in their budget to justify the increases.

Engineer’s Report

Monthly Report – Mr. Kaufman reported that the County has as-built questions for the contractor, Reivax and that the flag pole will be installed within the next week. Mr. Kaufman continued that a street light was leveled during Hurricane Sandy when the roof of Norwood Self-Storage collapsed and since then the other lights have not been functioning.

Mr. Kaufman advised that a meeting will be scheduled with the County for the Broadway sidewalk installation project before going out to bid. He explained that he is still working on the Northwoods/compost facility and should have a report at the next Work Session.

Borough Attorney’s Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had a matter to discuss in Closed Session. He reported that he has not received any comments from the Livingston Street property owners regarding the easements.

Administrator’s Report

DPW Shared Services Agreement with Harrington Park – Status Report – Mrs. McMackin reported that the Borough Attorney reviewed the revised agreement for legal content and that she will now send it to Harrington Park for their review with Council approval. Mr. Rapaport voiced his opinion that it is a straight forward agreement and it was the consensus of the Council to forward it to Harrington Park.

Review Loss Control Report – Mrs. McMackin explained that the JIF cited clutter in the boiler room at the Community Center and that she has already addressed the matter with the Senior Citizen Cub President. She reported that she has ordered six new tables for the community center. There was discussion regarding the height and angle of the baseball field backstop. Chief Krapels reported that during the year at least four police car windshields need to be replaced due to foul balls.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Neglia Engineering provide a design plan and quote for netting.

Mrs. McMackin referred to Senate Bill 1740 that is slated for vote. She explained that should this bill be approved, prior to notifying property owners of pending foreclosure, the Municipal Clerk will be provided contact information as to the party responsible for property maintenance. That entity will be given 30 days to correct any violations and fines will be imposed after 30 days.

Mrs. McMackin explained that Senate Bill 2 is also slated for vote and that the NJS League of Municipalities is opposed to it. She further explained this bill modifies uniform and shared services in that it eliminates some of the red tape should municipalities decide to consolidate. However, should municipalities decide not to consolidate, the DCA would have the ability to deduct the cost savings from COMPTRA.

Mrs. McMackin referred to the Personnel Manual that was distributed and asked that all Council Members review it. If no comments or objections are received, a resolution can be prepared accepting it. At this time, Mr. Rapaport thanked Mrs. McMackin and the members of the Personnel Committee for their time and effort in preparing this document.

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

Approval of Resolution 12:193 authorizing the governing body to convene into closed session to discuss pending litigation with Sequoia Electric.

At 8:50 PM, motion to approve resolution 12:193 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

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Adjournment:

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 9:20 PM and asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk