

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
April 30, 2014

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 7:04 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 Star Ledger.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Joseph Ascolese

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Dan Kaufman
Chief Financial Officer	Kunjesh Trivedi

Absent: Councilman Allen Rapaport

Presentation by Norwood American Legion Post 272

Mayor Barsa recognized members of the Norwood American Legion Post 272, including Councilman Barry Scott, He explained that the Post was desirous of helping the Borough during this hard time in dealing with the DPW fire and loss of vehicles and equipment. Mr. Fred Reiman, presented Mayor Barsa with a donation in the amount of \$7,500.00 and three new American flags for the Municipal Building, Kennedy Field and the Police/DPW building. The audience offered a round of applause and DPW Superintendent, Alan Schrader extended his thanks on behalf of the DPW staff.

At this time, Mayor Barsa explained that Rockland Coaches will be eliminating three lines going to the George Washington Bridge that would adversely affect the residents of many towns from Northvale to as far south as Leonia. The only line remaining would be the Route 9 that stops in Alpine and Tenafly. In speaking with the Mayors of other towns and Congressman Garrett, Mayor Barsa reported that it is their thought that this would be an excellent time to re-introduce

the light rail. He asked for Council endorsement to prepare a resolution urging Rockland Coaches to reinstate the lines being eliminated.

Mr. Brizzolara voiced his approval adding that he did not believe that Rockland Coaches made a business case. He continued their decision would reduce property values and negatively affect livelihoods as some people will be unable to get to work.

Mr. Brizzolara advised that the latest news he heard was that another bus company may be interested in buying the routes. Although there has been discussion concerning reinstating the West Shore Railroad line, this will probably be fifteen to twenty years from now.

Motion in favor of adopting a Resolution urging Rockland Coaches to reinstate the routes was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Approval of Resolution 14:98 Amending Resolution 14:96 to include additional vendors:

Motion of approval was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Ascolese. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing of Bond Ordinance 14:07:

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

Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery and New Automotive Vehicles, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment to Replace Fire Damaged Items In, By and For the Borough of Norwood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$500,000 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of Bonds to finance such appropriations and to provide for the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds.”

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. No one wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance No 14:07 was made by Mr. Ascolese and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio.

On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Marino, Orecchio, Scott and Ascolese
Nays: None
Absent: Rapaport

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Bond Ordinance No 14:07 was approved and will take effect twenty (20) days after publication.

Items for Discussion:

Safe Routes to School Grant Application Proposal from Borough Engineer – removed from the agenda.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Kaufman provided an update on the following:

Carter Street – curbing and drainage are complete; paving remains to be done.

Jay Street – work is proceeding with completion three to four weeks away to include paving.

Livingston Street Phase II – the curbs and sidewalks are complete on the west side and work will begin next week on the east side. This part of the project should be completed about the same time as Jay Street. The County has approved the ADA ramps as well as the additional pavers and lights on the corner of Livingston Street and Broadway.

Broadway Sidewalks – work is complete and NJDOT inspection is being awaited.

In response to the DPW Superintendent's question regarding the two bollards on Broadway, Mr. Kaufman advised that they would be removed. Mayor Barsa asked that a change order be done so that the entire concrete slabs be replaced rather than just repaired. Mr. Kaufman noted that there is allowance in the contract for the replacement.

Mr. Brizzolara referred to the utility pole that is in the middle of the sidewalk on Broadway. He voiced his opinion that it looks horrible and should be removed since it is a guide pole with no service on it. Mayor Barsa concurred.

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

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin noted that she had a personnel matter and the bid results for the backstop to discuss in Closed Session.

She referred to a letter received from the Friends of the Norwood Public Library requesting permission to conduct a White Elephant fundraising event on Saturday, July 19, 2014 on the library grounds with a time to be determined. Motion of approval was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mrs. McMackin reported receiving notice that the Annual Financial Disclosure Statements will be due on Friday, June 13, 2014. She explained that they will now have to be submitted on line and she will be forwarding everyone the Financial Notice explaining the procedure as well as user names and pins.

She provided an update on the DPW fire explaining that two new pickup trucks have been delivered and the other vehicles have been ordered. She reported that Neglia Engineering provided a quote of \$432,000.00 for a prefab structure to replace the demolished building and distributed the plans that she just received this evening. Not included is the 20' x 20' storage space that has been requested by Chief Krapels. Mrs. McMackin explained that a Bond Ordinance will be introduced at the May 14, 2014 Public Meeting to cover the cost of constructing a new structure as well as the demolition and environmental cleanup upward of \$100,000.00. Adoption will be scheduled for the May 28, 2014 Work Session at which time the 2014 Municipal Budget will also be adopted.

At this time, Mr. Ascolese thanked and commended Mrs. McMackin and Messrs. Schrader, Tracy and Oddo for their hard work in striving to restore the DPW physical plant and equipment inventory. He added that they have always provided him with any information and material he requested even on short notice.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Closed Session:

Approval of Resolution 14:99 authorizing the Governing Body to convene into closed session to discuss a Tax Appeal Settlement for 351 Piermont Road, a personnel matter, and bid results for the baseball backstop. Formal Action may be taken upon returning to open session.

At 7:45 PM, motion of approval was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:03 PM and asked for a motion to adopt the following resolution:

14:100 Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal of Chong Choe and Ho Cha Choe, Block 21, Lot 11, 351 Piermont Road

The motion was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

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No other matter to discuss, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk