

AGENDA  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2014  
7:00 PM

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MAYOR BARSÀ

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA  
COUNCILMAN MARINO  
COUNCILWOMAN ORECCHIO

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT  
COUNCILMAN RAPAPORT  
COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE

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Call to order

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance: 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.

Roll Call of the Council:

Mayor Barsa _____	
Councilman Brizzolara _____	Council President Scott _____
Councilman Marino _____	Councilman Rapaport _____
Councilwoman Orecchio _____	Councilman Ascolese _____

Mayor Barsa points out the Fire Exits

Items for Discussion:

- Borough Engineer's Report
- Borough Attorney's Report
- Administrator's Report

General Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Borough of Norwood  
Work Session  
December 3, 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 7:02 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	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Joseph Ascolese

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Anthony Kurus
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran
DPW Superintendent	Alan Schrader

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Marino and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mr. Hans Cooper, 41 Cobblestone Crossing, referred to the lack of progress at the old Cost Cutter's site and provided his understanding that an underlying problem is a long-term lease agreement issue with one of the tenants. Mr. Cooper questioned whether the Borough could intervene and buy out this lease agreement.

Mayor Barsa advised that the owner of the project has been in negotiations with the tenant who is demanding an exorbitant amount of money to relocate and his lawyers are working on this issue. He continued that the Borough could not expend public funds in this matter. Mr. Brizzolara noted that Mayor Barsa has been diligent in attempting to move the project along.

Mr. Ascolese explained that a change in the law protects developers in that permits no longer have expiration dates (Extension Act of 2015). Mr. Brizzolara also reminded that three Council Members live behind this development on High Street.

Mr. Kuepper voiced his opinion that the dust generated by the trucks during the installation of the new cable in his development posed a serious health problem and suggested that the Police Officers who were on site directing traffic should have instructed the construction workers to apply water to the roadway to eliminate the dust. He also questioned why this work was being done at this time since the roads were repaved about three years ago.

Mr. Brizzolara explained that Orange and Rockland made an approximate \$320,000 investment to replace the thirty-year old, degraded cable that produced the poorest performing circuits. The work was done by a contractor who scheduled the services of a Police Officer to control traffic and keep the construction workers safe. He further explained that the contractor pays for this service not the Borough.

Mayor Barsa noted that although the roads were paved about three years ago, the three storm occurrences since that time deteriorated the infrastructure and that was one of the reasons why Orange and Rockland targeted the area. Mr. Brizzolara advised that at the Mayor's insistence, Orange and Rockland has agreed to restore the roadway.

Kristin Lehmann, 125 Somerset Road, explained that she has been a Norwood resident for 45 years and was also speaking on behalf of Linda Samuelson, 52 Kensington Road, a Norwood resident of 50 years. She advised that they have serious concerns about what they consider to be the long-term negative effects the paving of Wilton Road would have on drainage. She voiced her opinion that water would flow to the low end and force more water into the driveways. She also noted that there would be an increase in traffic and the speed of vehicles travelling a paved road.

Ms. Lehmann continued with her opinion that the cost to pave a road for four families does not constitute wise spending.

Mayor Barsa advised that there would have to be unanimous consent for such an improvement to be undertaken.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Orecchio and declared carried upon the unanimous consent of all Council Members present.

**Items for Discussion:**

Borough Engineer's Report - Mr. Kurus reported as follows:

Livingston Street Phase II – project extending north past Dunkin Donuts is under construction.

Jay Street – project, including the fencing, has been completed and the contractor will be given a punch list to address.

Kennedy Field Baseball Backstop Netting and Dugout Installation - the two lowest bids for both projects are currently under review by the Borough Attorney; possible award on December 10, 2014 or December 29, 2014. Mrs. McMackin explained that if the bids have to be rejected for the netting, the Borough can negotiate a contract.

Mr. Ascolese questioned whether any word was received regarding the LOI that was submitted for the DPW garage and Mr. Kurus responded that nothing has been received. Mayor Barsa advised that he would contact Senator Cardinale's office to solicit his intervention. Mr. Schrader, DPW Superintendent, advised that the Fire Department has offered storage space at their facility.

In response to Mr. Marino's question regarding additional personnel for the Department of Public Works, Mr. Schrader advised that the personnel issue would be discussed next year.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that the Bocchino easement agreement has been signed and that he had nothing further to report.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin reported as follows:

2015 Budgets – most departments have submitted their budgets. Salary calculations for 2015 have been completed and given to the Finance Department for review. January 14<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for a Budget Meeting. At this time final changes can be made and the budget can be introduced in February and adopted in March.

CDBG Application for Senior Citizen Activities – Mrs. McMackin asked for approval of a resolution endorsing the submission of the grant application in the amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Scott voiced his opinion that the amount should be changed to \$5,000.00 and no objections were voiced. Therefore, motion endorsing the submission of a CDBG grant application for Senior Citizen Activities in the amount of \$5,000.00 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

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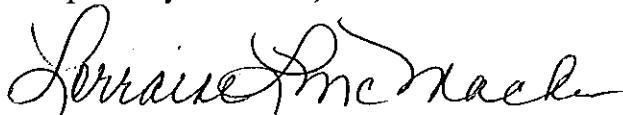
**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. No one wishing to be heard, 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.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorraine L. McMackin".

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk