

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
February 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AT 8:03 PM

Council President Scott 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:

Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Michael Knigin
Councilman	Anthony Guercio
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

ABSENT:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Tom Brizzolara

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
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Items for discussion:

Enforcement of Neon Sign Ordinance

Mr. Scott referred to Mr. Fede's letter dated February 12, 2008 that was distributed this evening. Mr. Fede asked for Council authorization to further review Borough of Norwood Code Chapter 233-33. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Knigin and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. This matter will be carried to the next Work Session (February 27, 2008).

Update on webmaster

Mr. Rapaport reported that he and the Administrator/Clerk had a very informative meeting with Mr. Tom Carlock, the webmaster for Bogota and Midland Park and were very impressed with the interactive websites that he has designed. The initial cost to develop the website would be approximately \$3,000.00 and Mr. Carlock would update it with Mrs. McMackin being the gatekeeper regarding the information to be put on the website.

Mr. Rapaport advised that other webmasters would be interviewed and that the Council would meet with the final three candidates and anticipated a startup date of June 2008.

Memo dated 2/13/08 from Christine Hageman, Chair, Environmental Commission regarding the Fox Hill Mountain Bike Park

Mr. Scott explained that this memo reports the reconstruction of the mountain bike ramps. Mr. Rapaport reported that he spoke with the DPW Superintendent and that his department will dismantle them as soon as possible. Mr. Rapaport will also examine the area with Mr. DiRese to see if boulders or a telephone pole can be used to barricade the entrances. The Chief of Police had been contacted regarding patrolling the area and he advised that there is insufficient manpower to do so.

Results of RFP's for the expansion of the Kennedy Park War Memorial

Mr. Scott confirmed with the Administrator/Clerk that the grant is for \$90,000 and that the Borough's portion is approximately \$35,000.00.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. McMackin reported that Gary Shaw from Cablevision was contacted regarding televised Council meetings. Mr. Shaw explained that live taping with three cameras would cost approximately \$55,000.00; live taping with one camera approximately \$30,000.00 and Cablevision televising a recording provided by the Borough approximately \$20,000.00.

In light of the cost and the upcoming budget proceedings, Mr. Scott recommended that this matter be postponed for consideration at a future time.

Mrs. McMackin referred to a memo from Mayor Heymann of Closter advising that the Elected Official Training seminar would be held at Closter Borough Hall on February 27, 2008 at 6:16 PM. Unfortunately, the second February Work Session is scheduled for that same day at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. McMackin advised receiving two applications for solicitors licenses from CVL Designs to sell furniture from North Carolina door-to-door. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Guercio to deny this application. The motion was declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mrs. McMackin reminded that there was discussion regarding employee contribution to medical benefits duplicating the State's policy instituted in July of 2007. This policy calls for 1.5% of an employee's annual base salary to be deducted for medical benefits regardless of the enrolled plan. She explained she used \$86,000 as a base pay and the contribution would be \$1,290 or \$49.00 per month. Mr. Scott asked that this be discussed by the Finance Committee for recommendation to the Council.

Mrs. McMackin received a telephone call today from the Administrator of Old Tappan who advised that Mayor Polce is in favor of making a joint application for the Safe Routes to School DOT grant and will discuss it with his Council.

Mrs. McMackin distributed a copy of the Environmental Commission's proposed changes to their By-Laws. Mr. Scott asked for authorization to have the Borough Attorney review them for report at the next Work Session and no objections were voiced.

Borough Attorney's Report

Mr. Fede advised that the documents from the three bidders are all in order. Motion was made by Mr. Knigin and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to authorize the purchase and installation of the additional monument for the Kennedy Park War Memorial from Sprung Memorial Group in the amount of \$9,104.00 by resolution at the February 27, 2008 Work Session. The motion was declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mr. Fede referred to his letter dated February 13, 2008 regarding the Fox Hill Woods Conservation Easement. Of the four property owners, three have agreed to enter into easement agreements with the Borough. The fourth property owners are the Randazzo's who came before the Mayor and Council asking to purchase a Borough-owned triangular-shaped piece of property to "square off" a lot that they own in Old Tappan. He advised that this property is now part of the Fox Hill Woods Conservation Easement and that he would so inform the Randazzo's.

Mr. Condoleo questioned Mr. Fede regarding the progress with the procurement of the Haring Cemetery. Mr. Fede explained that the motion has been filed and that he would have more information at the next meeting.

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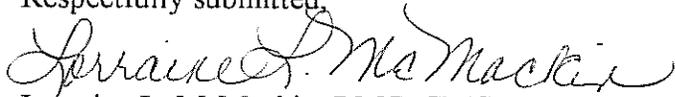
At this time, Mr. Scott asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Dave Elling, 263 Summit Street, questioned what action the Council intended to take regarding the use of ATV's in the Fox Hill area and reported that Mr. Mauro agreed to donate boulders to block the entrances. Mr. Rapaport explained that the DPW would dismantle the ramps and that he and the DPW Superintendent would walk the area to see what measures could be taken to dissuade future ramp construction. Mr. Rapaport extended his thanks to Mr. Mauro for his offer.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM was made by Mr. Knigin, seconded by Mr. Guercio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk