

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
September 17, 2008

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 8:10 PM.

Mayor Barsa asked members of Boy Scout Troop 120 who were in the audience to lead the Council and those in attendance in a salute to the American flag.

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 Press Journal.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
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Presentation: Recognition of Alfred D. Hess as the first recipient of the "Norwood Volunteer of the Year Award"

Mr. Knigin, liaison to the Ambulance Corps, listed the organizations that Al Hess is a member to include the Norwood Swim Club, Boy Scout Troop 120 and Ambulance Corps. He described him as being a true leader among leaders and a true hero among heroes. As a member of the Ambulance Corps, Al responded to over 200 calls each year and touched the lives of thousands of people. Mr. Knigin noted that Al's father was presented with the first "Cresskill Volunteer of the Year Award."

Mayor Barsa explained that Mr. Hess was being honored for his many years of dedicated service to the residents of the Borough as a member of Norwood EMS since 1985 and served in capacity of Captain; Troop 120 Cub Master, current President of the Norwood Swim Club Board and member for over 20 years, recipient of the Eagle Scout award and two citations for saving a life. Mayor Barsa described Al as more than a volunteer, but a hero and asked that God bless him and his family.

Both Mayor Barsa and Mr. Knigin presented a plaque, on behalf of the governing body in recognition of his years of service and dedication to the residents of Norwood and the audience offered a round of applause.

Messrs. Brizzolara, Scott, Guercio, Rapaport and Condoleo individually praised Mr. Hess and thanked him for his many volunteer hours.

The following individuals referenced their personal experiences with Mr. Hess, thanked him for for his guidance and leadership.

Richard Hess	Fire Chief, Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
Jeffrey Krapels	Police Chief
Rob Kwitchoff	Norwood EMS, current Chief
Lee Wallin	Norwood EMS
David Weissman	Norwood Swim Club Board of Trustees and Boy Scout Leader Troop 120

Many members of Boy Scout Troop 120 were in the audience and one of them presented Mr. Hess with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of all.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked if any member of the public wished to be heard.

A gentleman came forward, identified himself as Al's father and told Al he learned well, carried on a great tradition and that he was extremely proud of him.

At 8:40 PM, Mayor Barsa declared a five-minute recess.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:45 PM

**Re-introduction of Ordinance 08:07 – 2008 Salary Ordinance
Public Hearing October 7, 2008**

Mayor Barsa explained that for a procedural matter this ordinance that was introduced on September 2, 2008 is being re-introduced.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08:07 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Knigin. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Knigin, Scott and Rapaport
Nays: Condoleo
Abstain: Guercio

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) nay, Ordinance 08:07 was introduced and the Public Hearing for this ordinance has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

Items or discussion:

Review of ordinance authorizing acquisition of property known as Block 171, Lot 7:

Mr. Fede explained that Immaculate Conception Church, the owner of this property, wished to donate it to the Borough and he prepared an ordinance accordingly. He also reported that Mr. Rudolph Swartz of Maywood also wishes to donate a piece of property designated as Block 39, Lot 1. Mr Fede requested and received authorization to prepare the ordinance for acquisition of this property.

Motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Knigin to introduce these two ordinances at the October 7, 2008 Public Meeting. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Environmental Commission recommendations for 2008 Green Acres Acquisition Grant Application (50% Matching Grant – Due Date 09-30-08):

Mr. Scott voiced his opinion that the proposal made by the Environmental Commission is too costly and one that could not be pursued at this time. Messrs. Guercio and Rapaport voiced agreement; however, Mr. Rapaport asked that the Commission be invited to the September 24, 2008 Work Session to provide them with the opportunity to address the governing body.

Borough Newsletter:

Mrs. McMackin asked that each Councilman provide her with an article for the newsletter in word format via e-mail by Monday, September 22, 2008.

In response to Messrs. Brizzolara and Knigin's concern regarding the cost to publish and mail a newsletter, estimates will be provided for the September 24, 2008 Work Session.

Flu Shots for Volunteers:

Mayor Barsa advised that volunteers were able to obtain flu shots through Pascack Valley Hospital free-of-charge. With the closing of the hospital this is no longer possible and suggested that the flu shot program provided to Seniors be extended to Norwood Fire and EMS volunteers who do not have insurance to cover the cost of the inoculation.

Mrs. McMackin reported that the Board of Health usually receives enough vaccine for 100 shots and offers them to Borough employees if there is a sufficient amount. She explained that the seniors must be given priority since the Borough is reimbursed from Medicare. It was the consensus of the Council that the program be extended to volunteers on a first come first serve basis if there is a sufficient supply.

Mr. Knigin reminded that at the last meeting the Council approved an ambulance agreement with the County. He has now been informed by the Ambulance Corps that they were not in favor of this agreement and questioned whether the Council could reverse their decision. Mr. Fede voiced his opinion that the Council could with the statement that they erroneously approved the agreement based on miscommunication. Motion to proceed in this manner was made by Mr. Knigin, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mr. Brizzolara questioned the status of the traffic calming project for Summit Street. Mrs. McMackin explained that she was waiting for the 2006 and 2007 Road Improvement Programs to be closed out to determine the monies remaining for the 2008 Road Program. She reminded that funds remaining in old bond ordinances are to be consolidated and used for capital items. Mr. Neglia reported that the plan for this project is in place and for DOT purposes, work has to begin before the end of this year.

Mr. Neglia noted that another pending matter is the Kennedy Park War Memorial. He reminded that the contract can now be negotiated according to the process outlined by the Borough Attorney. It was the consensus of the Council that the Borough Engineer set up a meeting with perspective contractor(s) at Borough Hall.

Mayor Barsa advised that Ash Street residents have contacted him once again regarding flooding issues and questioned whether the Council ever authorized the vacation of this street. The Administrator/Clerk was asked to review the file for report back to the Council.

Mr. Scott reminded that the streets west of McClellan in the Fox Hill conservation area still have to be vacated.

Mr. Fede advised that the engineering and legal costs associated with a road vacation are to be paid by the residents who want it vacated.

Mr. Brizzolara explained that there has been a good response from Rockland Electric concerning street lights and that he should be made aware of any problems.

Mayor Barsa referred to a request to sod the infield of one of the clay fields. Since the field lacks adequate irrigation, Mr. Neglia was asked to investigate and report back to the Council.

Mr. Guercio reported that the Recreation Committee wishes to set up a procedure whereby individuals wishing to coach have to complete an affidavit saying they have never been convicted of a felony; and if, arrested during the time they are coaching, they have to notify the Mayor, Administrator and Recreation Committee within 24 to 48 hours of their arrest. The Council would have the final decision whether or not the individual could continue to coach. It was the consensus of the Council that the Borough Attorney investigate the legality of this request for further discussion.

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Guercio 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. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Motion to approve Resolution 08:169 authorizing the Mayor and Council to proceed in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, lease agreements with Norwood Public Library and Immaculate Conception Church and personnel matters was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Knigin with all Council Members present voting aye.

At 9:40 PM, Mayor Barsa advised that the Council would proceed in Closed Session.

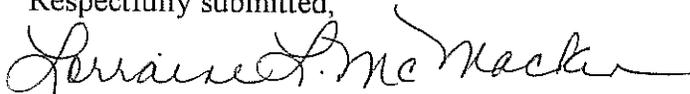
Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 10:41 PM and asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 08:09, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 168 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Regulating Parks and Recreation Areas". This ordinance would delete the prohibition of public intoxication in accordance with N.J.S.A.26:2B-26 and would permit dogs in the park. Motion was made by Mr. Knigin, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. The Public Hearing for this ordinance was established as Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

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Motion to adjourn at 10:50 PM was made by Mr. Knigin, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorraine L. McMackin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk