

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
February 25, 2009

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 8:00 PM.

Mayor Barsa led the Council and those in attendance in a salute to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence.

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:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Tom Brizzolara
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Anthony Guercio
Councilman	Allen Rapaport

ABSENT:

Councilman	Edward Condoleo
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Matthew Neuls

Items for Discussion:

Review of Ordinance Regarding Background Checks – Mr. Fede explained that this proposed ordinance is modeled after those of Northvale and Paramus. He further explained that an individual must consent to a background check and must have the right of appeal. The Administrator/Clerk noted that the State Police no longer fingerprint and that the cost for this service at a facility in Paramus would be \$25.00 per person. She explained that vouchers are not accepted, questioned the procedure to be followed and

reminded that funds would have to be allocated in the budget. Mayor Barsa voiced his understanding that the Chief of Police was going to undertake the background checks without fingerprinting and advised he would discuss this further with him. He asked that the ordinance be forwarded to the Recreation Committee for their review as well as Chief Krapels.

Fence Surrounding Haring Cemetery re Borough Attorney February 13, 2009 Letter –

Mr. Fede advised that there is no mention of height in the Borough's fence ordinance and that the installation of the pavers and granite meet the definition of a fence. He explained that since the Haring Cemetery is Borough property, no variance is needed. Therefore, the stone can be placed on the property line should the Mayor and Council so desire. Mr. Scott confirmed with the Administrator/Clerk that the additional two quotes have not been received from the Norwood Historic Preservation Society. Mr. Fede was authorized to prepare a Resolution of approval for the boundary delineation to be on the property line.

Continuation of Discussion re Proposal for Mobile Track Units for File Storage Rooms

Mr. Scott voiced his opinion that this project is necessary for the Borough to move ahead with an effective records retention system. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$9,950.00 to Donnegan Systems, Inc. to install mobile shelving units was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Meadow Lane Flooding – Mayor Barsa noted that there has been an ongoing flooding issue with a resident on Meadow Lane and questioned whether there was a need for the installation of an additional catch basin. Mr. Neuls explained that he did not recall this issue being a Borough one, and that he has not been able to review it with Mr. Neglia. Mr. Neuls advised that he would discuss it with Mr. Neglia for report at the next Work Session (March 11).

Borough Engineer Report

Mr. Neuls referred to the following items in the monthly engineer report (Attachment "A").

Kennedy Park War Memorial – preconstruction meeting has been scheduled with the contractor, Let It Grow, Inc., for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 2:30 PM, Norwood Borough Hall.

The list of names has been submitted to Sprung Memorial Group who will provide a full size proof for approval before engraving the names.

New Jersey Infrastructure Trust – Mr. Neuls reported that the application for the pumping stations has been completed and will be delivered on Monday, March 2, 2009.

Kennedy Park Barrier Free Restrooms – CDBG Application – Mr. Neuls advised that the plans are complete and that the engineering estimate will be sent via-email to Community Development.

Mr. Scott questioned start date for the barrier free ramps and Mr. Neuls advised work would probably begin sometime in March.

Borough Attorney Report

Mr. Fede advised he had nothing further to report.

Administrator Report

Mrs. McMackin questioned whether the Council wished to have the 2008 Road Improvement Program done through the Riverside Cooperative. It was the consensus of the Council that it be through the Cooperative since purchases are made in quantity and the cost would be less.

At this time, Mr. Scott reported learning from Fr. Leo that the Newark Archdiocese has no intention of entertaining a lease agreement with the Borough concerning the use of the fields behind Holy Family School.

Mr. Rapaport questioned replacement action regarding a concrete or asphalt sidewalk that has been broken by tree roots. Mr. Neuls explained that it would have to be handled on a case by case basis; in some instances roots could be cut without damaging the tree and in others the sidewalk could be moved further from the tree. Mr. Rapaport also confirmed with the Borough Engineer that for sidewalk construction, new crushed stone would be put down.

General Public Comment:

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

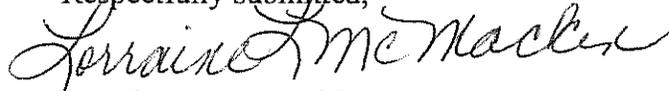
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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Scott with all Council Members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine L. McMackin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk