

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
April 15, 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 8:20 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
Councilman	Edward Condoleo (8:30 PM)

ABSENT:

Council President	Anthony Guercio
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ALSO PRESENT:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
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RECO Customer Energy Services Staff to present a program on Energy Savings Programs and Tips for homeowners and businesses:

This informative presentation was made before the meeting was called to order from 7:05 PM to 8:15 PM.

Mayor Barsa declared April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day with the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, call Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more that a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Norwood, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- 09:74 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,218,855.99
- 09:75 Authorizing the Borough Attorney and Special Counsel to file counterclaims and cross-petitions of Appeal in response to Tax Appeals filed in 2009
- 09:76 Granting permission to the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County to travel through Norwood on Sunday, April 26, 2009 during its Sixteenth Annual Bike Bergen
- 09:77 Authorizing the issuance of Raffle Licenses (09:06-09:09) to Holy Family Interparochial School

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

Items for Discussion:

Recreation Field Use Fees:

The Administrator/Clerk reported that a survey was taken of the neighboring towns regarding fees charged for field usage. Although the fees vary, all charge a higher fee for night usage.

Mr. Brizzolara recommended that due to the cost of lighting the field, the Borough also raise the fee for night events. Mr. Rapaport suggested that signs be posted stating that the fields can only be used by permit for non-sponsored recreation groups; that the permit be obtained from the Borough Clerk's office and that a list of the permits be submitted on a weekly basis to the Department of Public Works and the Police Department.

Following further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the current \$75.00 fee remain with an additional \$100.00 charge for night usage. A motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to amend the fee ordinance accordingly was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Mayor Barsa advised that he would speak with the Director of Recreation regarding the fee change and the permit process.

Mr. Brizzolara questioned whether a timer could be installed for the field lights. Mrs. McMackin advised that there is capability with the current lighting system by satellite and that she will discuss this further with the Borough Engineer, Mike Neglia.

Interlocal Services Agreement for Construction Office:

Mr. Brizzolara commended Mrs. McMackin and Mr. Fede for the time and effort they expended on this project. Mr. Scott referred to the proposed salaries for the officials in the Interlocal Construction Department and voiced his opinion that they were inadequate. Mrs. McMackin explained that they were based on the number of inspections done by the three municipalities for the past year. She noted that they were reviewed by the Construction Official who felt they were adequate. It was the consensus of the Council that the proposed Agreement would be acted upon at a future meeting.

General Public Comment:

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

Lisa Kurtz, 401 D'Ercole Court, referred to the lights on Kennedy Field and agreed that a timer should be used, and if possible, only that portion of the field being used be lit rather than the entire complex.

No one else wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Condoleo with all Council Members present voting aye.

Closed Session Resolution 09:78 to discuss Special Labor Counsel for PBA Contract Negotiations/Mediation/Arbitration:

At 8:50 PM, motion to approve Resolution 09:78 was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

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Adjournment:

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 9:55 PM and asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk