

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
January 13, 2010

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 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	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Edward Concoleo
Councilman	Allen Rapaport

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
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ABSENT:

Councilman	John Nicolai
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Resolution 10:34, Approving Raffle Licenses 10:01 and 10:02 for Holy Family Interparochial School, Norwood, NJ And 10:03 and 10:04 for PTA Edward H. Bryan School, Cresskill, NJ

Motion approving Resolution 10:34 was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for Discussion:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Police Department, regarding Rules and Regulations – Mayor Barsa explained that this ordinance deletes the old rules and regulations and incorporates the new ones. Therefore, motion introducing ordinance 10:01 was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by

Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. The Administrator/Clerk advised that the Public Hearing on this ordinance would be scheduled for the February 2, 2010 Public Meeting.

Recommendation by Construction Official Paul Renaud for a 20% increase for all permit fees as per Borough of Old Tappan's ordinance – Mr. Scott explained that construction fees for the Borough of Norwood are 20% to 40% lower than the surrounding towns. Due to the low fees and the economic climate, revenues generated by the Building Department have been significantly lower than in past years. Following a discussion, to which Mr. Marino voiced objection to raising the fees, motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare an ordinance increasing permit fees as recommended by the Construction Official was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Orecchio, Scott, Condoleo

Nays: Marino and Rapaport

Absent: Nicolai

The motion was approved and the Borough Attorney instructed to draw up an ordinance.

RFQ's for Appraiser and Special Conflict Counsel – Mrs. McMackin requested permission to re-advertise for these RFQ's since the Appraiser and Special Conflict Counsel failed to submit them. No objections were voiced.

Friends of Library request to use Norwood Public Library parking lot for book sale – Motion of approval was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Condoleo with all Council Members present voting aye.

Cablevision's dropping of Food Network and HGTV – Mr. Rapaport explained that Christopher St. Lawrence, the Town Supervisor of Ramapo, corresponded with Cablevision and the Board of Public Utilities that the removal of the Food Network and HGTV channels without prior notification to its customers was a violation of the contract. Mr. Rapaport recommended that the Borough follow suit and adopt a Resolution urging Cablevision to settle its dispute with the Scribbs Network so that the Food Network and HGTV can again be made available to its customers and that Cablevision issue a rebate to its customers for the time that these two channels were made unavailable.

Motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare a Resolution for adoption at the February 2, 2010 Public Meeting was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Condoleo with all Council Members voting aye. No member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Marino and carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council members present.

At 8:20 PM, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 10:35 authorizing the Council to convene in closed Session to discuss personnel and negotiations. The motion as made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk