

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
July 27, 2011

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 8:12 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 P. Barsa
Councilman	John Nicolai
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Edward Condoleo
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Frank Marino

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Dan Kaufman

Items for Discussion:

Sustainable New Jersey Grant:

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Nicolai, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:153 authorizing the submission of a Sustainable Jersey Small Grant funded by Wal-Mart for \$1,000. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Police Consolidation Agreement:

Mayor Barsa updated the Council on a recent meeting with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office regarding the police consolidation study with Harrington Park. Initially, the Bergen County Prosecutor set aside \$1 million in seized asset funds to help towns fund the studies. Sixteen towns in Bergen County have filed notice with the Prosecutor's Office that they will be undertaking a study. Norwood and Harrington Park are two of the sixteen towns. Additionally, the Prosecutor has set aside \$1.4 million to help the towns offset the capital costs incurred by consolidating

police departments. Mayor Barsa said that he would be meeting with Chief Krapels once he returns from vacation to begin the process of forming the specifications needed to go out to bid for the study.

Broadway Sidewalk Installation Proposal:

Neglia Engineering submitted a proposal for \$7,500 for engineering work to extend the sidewalks on Blanch Avenue from Piermont Road to Northern Valley High School in Old Tappan. After a brief discussion regarding the proposal and the need for the sidewalks, it was moved by Mr. Nicolai, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to accept Neglia's proposal. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Murberg request to purchase Borough Property:

The Mayor and Council reviewed a letter received July 5, 2011 from Mr. Michael Murberg, see Attachment "A", requesting to purchase borough owned property. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize the Borough Appraiser, Mr. Helmstetter to prepare an appraisal on the property for market value with a deed restriction and one without the deed restriction. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Speed Bump Policy:

Mayor Barsa requested that the Council consider adopting a policy regarding the installation of speed bumps. He said that he receives numerous requests from residents to have a speed bump placed on their street. It was the consensus of the Council that the public safety committee along with Chief Krapels and the Borough Engineer work on a policy for discussion at the September Work Session.

Engineer's Report:

The following status report was given:

- Contracts for the Livingston Street Drainage Program and Blanch Avenue Sidewalk Project have been sent to the respective contractors for signing.
- The Sewer Pump Station Bids will be opened on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
- A status report regarding the Northwoods property will be provided to the Mayor and Council at the next meeting.

Borough Attorney Report:

Mr. Fede informed that he had nothing to report at this time, but did have a matter for closed session.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. McMackin reviewed the Best Practices Questionnaire that must be submitted to the DCA in September. The Council requested that Mrs. McMackin obtain Pay to Play Ordinances from other municipalities for their review and possible adoption.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of those Council Members present. No member of the public wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of those Council Members present.

At 8:45 PM, motion approving Resolution 11:154 was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of those Council Members present. Mayor Barsa advised that formal action may be taken upon the Council reconvening in Open Session.

At 9:05 PM, Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting and asked the Clerk to read the resolutions for approval.

11:155 Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeals of Nicholas and Arielle
 Radetzky, Block 10, Lot 1, 88 Piermont Road

Motion approving Resolution 11:155 was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of those Council Members present.

11:156 Modifying in Part Resolution 11:50, which revoked in part Resolutions
 00:109 and 05:207 providing for the Borough's payment of the medical
 insurance premiums for some retired Borough Employees

Motion approving Resolutions 11:156 was made by Mr. Nicolai, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of those Council Members present.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of those Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk