

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
December 28, 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 8:05 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	Barry Scott
Council President	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Frank Marino

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Dan Kaufman

Absent:

Councilman	John Nicolai
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

Items for Discussion:

North Woods Land Development Co. request to donate Lot 4, Block 71 and Lot 3, Block 66 – Mr. Fede referred to Mr. Conte's letter dated December 8, 2011 wherein he enclosed copies of the deeds for the two parcels that North Woods Land Development Co. wishes to convey to the Borough. He explained that should the Mayor and Council wish to entertain accepting these parcels, the following procedure is to be followed: adopting an ordinance, conducting a title search, preparing a contract and transferring the deed.

Following discussion, motion was made by Mr. Rapaport that the Borough Attorney be authorized to proceed with the acquisition by donation of these lots for further discussion at the January 25, 2012 Work Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mr. Fede advised that he would speak with Mr. Conte to determine his position with the North Woods Land Development Co. and would provide his opinion as to whether there is a conflict. Mr. Fede will also obtain the tax status on these lots.

Engineer's Report:

Livingston Street Drainage Improvements – Mr. Kaufman reported that the contractor, Reivax Contracting, is currently addressing punch list items, i.e. cleanup of the old Cost Cutter property. A change order is being prepared to include various items, i.e. pavers and construction of a town center.

Piermont Road/Brook Street Pump Stations – Mr. Kaufman advised that the contractor is waiting for the materials to be delivered.

Blanch Avenue Sidewalk Installation – Mr. Kaufman explained that the contractor has been provided with all the information regarding the McSweeney complaint.

2012 Road Improvement Program – Mr. Kaufman noted that estimates are being prepared.

Borough Attorney's Report

Mr. Fede advised that the he had a tax appeal matter to discuss in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report

JIF Reorganization Dinner – Mrs. McMackin asked for confirmation as to who would be attending the January 19th dinner to be held at 6 PM at Seasons. Mayor Barsa, Mr. Rapaport and Mrs. Orecchio advised they would be attending.

Introduction of 2012 Budget – Mrs. McMackin reported that according to a Local Finance Notice, the date for the introduction of the 2012 budget has been moved from February 10 to February 29. In speaking with the auditor, Steven Wielkotz, she learned that it would be acceptable for the budget to be introduced at the March 14, 2012 Public Meeting. She voiced her opinion that there should be a meeting regarding capital funding to determine the down payment amount to be included in the operating budget. It was determined that a possible date would be Wednesday, January 18 beginning at 6:00 PM. Mrs. McMackin will poll the Council.

LOSAP – Mrs. McMackin advised that EMS has posed the question as to whether the Council would grant a waiver to members serving in the military and continue contributions into their LOSAP fund. She learned that Hillsdale does this via resolution and asked the Council to authorize the Borough Attorney to review this proposal. No objections were voiced.

DPW – Mrs. McMackin informed that she had a meeting with the Teamsters' representative and should have a proposal within the next week or so.

Broadway/Tappan Bus Shelter – Mrs. McMackin advised that the signed agreement with New Jersey Transit has been forwarded to the County Executive. She reminded that there have been two motor vehicle accidents at this corner within the past six months and that the County will not permit installation of sidewalks without the redesign of the intersections which met with vehement resident opposition when proposed in the past. Although the installation of the bus shelter does not require a sidewalk, she recommended that this matter be re-examined with the possible installation of a rolled asphalt curb. Mr. Marino suggested that comments be solicited from the Chief of Police.

At this time, Mayor Barsa referred to the proposed Sine Die/Reorganization Agenda that was distributed prior to the meeting. He explained that it is his intent to appoint Robert Travers as Municipal Court Judge, Laura Nunnink as Prosecutor and Marc Ramundo as Alternate Prosecutor. He continued that all other appointments are basically the same as last year and that there is one vacancy on the Planning Board yet to be filled. Mr. Scott advised that he would ask for a separate vote on the Municipal Court Judge appointment and Mayor Barsa pointed out that it was already listed on the agenda as such. Mr. Rapaport complimented the Mayor on his appointment of Mr. Tom Brizzolara to the Planning Board.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport 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 Mrs. Orecchio. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members present voting aye.

Closed Session:

At 8:25 PM, motion approving Resolution 11:245 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Chestnut Street Holding Co., tax appeal was made by Mr. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Formal action may be taken upon returning to open session.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the open session at 8:40 PM and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11:246, authorizing settlement of tax appeals of Chestnut Street Holding Co., c/o Intarome Fragrance. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk