

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
August 22, 2012

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.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	John Nicolai
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Frank Marino
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Daniel Kaufman

Items for Discussion:

Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application (Resolution 12:155) – Mayor Barsa referred to the attached correspondence from Arcari and Iovino Architects showing two roof structures to encompass the basketball court at Kennedy Field. He voiced his opinion that the steel structure would be more suitable but would have to be made more aesthetically pleasing. Mayor Barsa asked for Council consensus to authorize the Administrator/Clerk to submit a Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund grant for this project in the amount of \$200,000.00 matching, for a total of \$400,000.00. Following a brief discussion and confirmation from Mrs. McMackin that there is approximately \$600,000.00 in the Borough's open space trust fund, decision was made to increase the amount to \$250,000.00 matching for a total of \$500,000.00. Motion to approve Resolution 12:155 authorizing submission of a Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the construction of a roof structure to cover the basketball court at Kennedy Field was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Nicolai. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion with the

with the exception of Mr. Rapaport who abstained due to his membership on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Committee.

2012 Road Improvement Program - Mayor Barsa voiced his opinion that Carter Street and Villa Court are two roads that should be included in the 2012 Road Improvement Program reminding that the DOT grant for Carter Street was rejected. Mrs. McMackin informed that the DPW recently purchased \$700 worth of asphalt to fill a sink hole on Villa Court. Both she and the Mayor recommended that Neglia Engineering be authorized to prepare cost estimates for curbing, drainage and paving and/or reconstruction of Carter Street and Villa Court. Motion authorizing Neglia Engineering to do so was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Engineer's Report –

Livingston Street: Mr. Kaufman reported that the benches have been installed and the planters and trash receptacles should be delivered shortly.

Pump Stations: Mr. Kaufman advised that there are a few punch list items to be completed, namely the paving and fencing, which should be done in the very near future. Mr. Rapaport asked that the warranties on the pump station equipment be determined.

Blanche Avenue Sidewalks: Mr. Kaufman noted that this project will be closed out.

Mayor Barsa referred to the transfer of the Verdin clock to the town center. He explained that it would have to be done by the contractor but strongly recommended that the representative from Verdin be present to insure that it is done correctly even though he has agreed that the contractor's plans are acceptable. A mutually acceptable time schedule for both parties will be arranged by Neglia Engineering and the Clerk's office.

Mr. Marino questioned whether the McSweeney issue relating to the installation of the Blanche Avenue sidewalks has been resolved. Mr. Kaufman advised and Mrs. McMackin confirmed that it was settled to the satisfaction of the resident.

Borough Attorney's Report –

Mr. Fede advised that he had a matter of pending litigation to discuss in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report –

Haring Cemetery: Mrs. McMackin reported that she met with the landscaper this morning and pointed out the fence and tree at the end of the property. He estimated the project would take a couple of days and advised he would notice all the affected property owners. Mrs. McMackin explained that she would pay one-half the contract amount on the September Bill List and the remainder the following month. There was a brief discussion regarding the fence and tree and it was the consensus of the Council that upon completion of the project, the fence would be addressed.

602 D'Ercole Court: Mr. McMackin explained that she, Helen Guercio and a Police Officer met at this recently Borough acquired affordable housing unit with J&B Lock to gain access and rekey the entry. She noted that the unit is in decent shape with only a few pieces of furniture needing to be discarded adding that the rug and kitchen floor have to be replaced. There was a brief discussion regarding whether the price should be lowered to accommodate the replacement cost or whether the prospective buyer should be given an allowance between \$2,500 to \$3,000.00. It was the consensus of the Council that a flooring company provide an estimate and that the prospective buyer be contacted to determine his/her preference.

Fifth Avenue Storm Water Drain: Mrs. McMackin advised the governing body that a Fifth Avenue storm drain is discharging onto a resident's property at 170 Broadway. She provided a history of the drainage measures in this area to include the Borough's vacation of approximately 500 ft. of Fifth Avenue. Following a lengthy discussion, two options were suggested for correcting this drainage issue—installation of a seepage pit or 500 ft. of piping to 17th Street. Motion authorizing Neglia Engineering to prepare cost estimates for these two proposals was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Mr. Kaufman was directed to provide these figures by the September 12, 2012 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. No one wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Nicolai. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Closed Session:

Motion to approve Resolution 12:156 authorizing the Mayor and Council to convene into closed session to discuss potential litigation was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Mayor Barsa advised that following the closed session formal action may be taken.

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Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and Mayor Barsa adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk