

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
August 27, 2014

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 7:00 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 Star Ledger.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Joseph Ascolese

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Anthony Kurus
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran
DPW Superintendent	Alan Schrader

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. There being no request, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- 14:167 Amending the 2014 Capital Budget
- 14:168 Cancelling Tax Refunds and/or Delinquencies of less than \$10.00
- 14:169 Waiving Interest on Taxes for Block 14, Lots, 2.01 and 2.02
- 14:170 Authorizing the hiring of Meg Smith in the Construction Office
- 14:171 Amending Resolution 14:151
- 14:172 Authorizing Agreement with Rockland Electric Company re Municipal Street Light Portal
- 14:173 Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for Receipt of Bids for the Purchase and Installation of a Pre-fabricated DPW Building

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

Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:12:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$247,688 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH

Mr. Fede and Mrs. McMackin reported that this ordinance mainly covers the purchase of a front end-loader and backhoe. Other purchases anticipated are a senior van through State contract and a new computer program proposed by the Chief Financial Officer that will be discussed at a future date. Mrs. McMackin stressed that there will be no other capital ordinance this year and that the funds for this ordinance have already been allocated from previous unspent ordinances.

Motion to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Motion to approve Ordinance 14:12 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Rapaport and Ascolese
Nays: None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 14:12 was adopted and will take effect ten days following publication.

Mr. Rapaport commended the Chief Financial Officer and Administrator for a job well done.

Items for Discussion:

Borough Engineer Report – Mr. Kurus reported on the following:

Livingston Street: the sign posts and benches should be delivered around the third week in September. The electrical work is on-going and it should be another week until the wiring is delivered. Mrs. McMackin added that a new meter will be installed to cover all the lights.

Pumping Stations: the contractor has completed the punch list items and has submitted a voucher for final payment.

DPW wetlands survey: after the survey is completed, it will have to be determined if permits are needed from the DEP.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had no report.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin reported on the following:

Fire Department Complaint: Following a meeting attended by the Mayor, Fire Department members and the contractor, Zuccaro, the Fire Department property was restored to its original condition.

DOT Municipal Aid Grant: Applications are due October 14, 2014.

Open Space Grant: Applications are due October 31, 2014. If an application is submitted, a Public Hearing would have to be held at the October 15 Public Meeting. Mrs. McMackin announced that she will be having surgery on October 10, 2014 and will be out of the office for a good part of October. Therefore, she urged a decision be made so that she could write the grant application before she leaves. Mr. Scott suggested the construction of tennis courts on South Street be examined. Mrs. McMackin reminded that funding has been reduced and it is a 50-50 matching grant.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant): A workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at One Bergen County Plaza. She reminded that for the 2014/2015 grant year, the Borough was awarded \$2,500.00 for Senior Activities. Additional funding will be requested to operate the senior van.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott 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. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk