

AGENDA  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2014  
7:00 PM

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MAYOR BARSÀ

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA  
COUNCILMAN MARINO  
COUNCILWOMAN ORECCHIO

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT  
COUNCILMAN RAPAPORT  
COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE

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Call to order

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance: 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.

Roll Call of the Council:

Mayor Barsa _____	
Councilman Brizzolara _____	Council President Scott _____
Councilman Marino _____	Councilman Rapaport _____
Councilwoman Orecchio _____	Councilman Ascolese _____

Mayor Barsa points out the Fire Exits

Proclamations:

Mental Illness Awareness Week  
Fire Prevention Week

Items for Discussion:

- Best Practices Questionnaire
- Review of ordinance to regulate turns onto Livingston Street
- Review of ordinance to prohibit smoking in parks and recreation areas
- Borough Engineer Report
- Borough Attorney's Report
- Administrator's Report

General Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Borough of Norwood  
Work Session  
October 1, 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

At this time Mayor Barsa announced that Norwood Day held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 was a huge success. With an unprecedented number of people in attendance, the Fire Department depleted their supply of hot dogs after serving 2,000 and the restaurants ran out of food and drinks. He thanked Lorraine McMackin for organizing the day as well as Council Members Ascolese, Brizzolara, Rapaport and Scott who helped check ID's. Mayor Barsa also extended his appreciation to Judy Curran, Carol Donovan, Alexandra Goodman and Alan Schrader who provided a helping hand and the DPW crew members.

Mayor Barsa displayed the golf trophy won by the Norwood team at the Annual Cho Dae Church Golf Outing. He thanked the Church for donating \$100,000 raised by this event over the last five years to the Norwood and Northvale emergency services.

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa declared the week of October 5 – 11, 2014 as **Mental Illness Awareness Week and Fire Prevention Week.**

**Items for Discussion:**

Best Practices Questionnaire – Mrs. McMackin explained that how the questions are answered determines whether a municipality's State aid is reduced and voiced her opinion that the questions have become increasingly difficult. She further explained that at first the amount of "no" answers constituted a 20% loss of State aid or approximately \$113,000.00 that is almost one tax point. However, upon further review by her and the Chief Financial Officer, the Borough's score did not qualify for a reduction.

Mrs. McMackin discussed areas with the Personnel Committee that require a change in policy, i.e., overtime vs. comp time, Borough vehicle usage and adoption of a pay-to-play ordinance. She advised that the Borough did not adopt its budget in the State mandated time frame, but will argue that it was due to the recent DPW fire and lack of a Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Brizzolara noted that the Personnel Committee will be further discussing changes to the Personnel Manual regarding comp time and vehicle usage and urges the governing body to consider adoption of a pay-to-play ordinance.

Mr. Ascolese referred to the audit findings and the corrective action plans. He voiced his displeasure that the same findings are noted year after year and advised of his belief that this will no longer continue with the present Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Rapaport advised that Mrs. McMackin will participate in FEMA webinars while she is recuperating from surgery to change another "no" response to "yes" and commended her for the spirit in which she leads.

Mrs. McMackin stressed the need for the adoption of a pay-to-play ordinance and Mr. Fede will recirculate a copy of the one he previously prepared for review by the Mayor and Council at the October 29, 2014 Work Session.

Review of ordinance to regulate turns onto Livingston Street – Mayor Barsa recommended that Chief Krapels work with Neglia Engineering as "no left turns" onto Livingston Street from some of the parking lots may not be advisable. He asked that no action be taken until this is done and no objections were voiced.

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Mr. Marino advised that individuals are using High Street as the new Livingston Street. Mr. Brizzolara noted that there are weeds growing down the middle of High Street due to the placement of the pedestrian crossing signs and Mr. Ascolese recommended that the DPW apply weed killer in these areas.

Review of ordinance to prohibit smoking in parks and recreation areas – Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the Administrator/Clerk provide the Meadowlands Conservation Trust and the Norwood Swim Club Board of Trustees with a copy of the proposed ordinance since it would affect their properties and ask if they have any objection to the governing body adopting it.

Borough Engineer Report – Mr. Kurus reported as follows:

Livingston Street Phase II – the lights have been powered and the benches and trash cans were shipped yesterday.

Jay Street – the contractor will return to address any punch list items before the Borough closes out the project.

Basketball Court Resurfacing – contract was awarded to The Tennis People and work has begun.

Pump Stations – punch list items have been completed; awaiting final inspections to close out project.

DPW Storage Building – Dan Kaufman issued a letter with Neglia Engineering's recommendation that the Borough file an LOI and wait until it is determined by the DEP whether a 50' buffer or a 150' buffer is required. Along this line, Neglia Engineering submitted a proposal in the amount of \$5,700.00 to perform this wetlands delineation.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede reported as follows:

D'Ercole Court Affordable Housing Unit – Sale of the unit has been completed and \$132,326.00 was deposited into the Affordable Housing Fund.

Ordinance to prohibit smoking in parks and recreation areas – prepared as per governing body direction and previously discussed.

DPW Storage Building – questionable buffer area and bid date should be discussed in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin reported as follows:

DPW Storage Building – Neglia Wetlands Delineation Proposal – the governing body should act this evening and approve the proposal submitted by Neglia Engineering in the amount of \$5,700.00 to submit the LOI to the NJDEP. Accordingly, the motion was made by Mr. Ascolese and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve this proposal. The motion was declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

DPW Fire – Insurance Reimbursement – \$543,732.11 is being proposed for the building, vehicle and personal property replacement which is not sufficient.

Recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Mr. Rapaport offered to purchase pink ribbon magnets to be placed on DPW vehicles. Last year he purchased them for display on Police vehicles; however, this year the department chose to wear pink hats. Following a lengthy discussion as to whether Borough property should advertise such a cause, as worthy as it is, the motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Ascolese that the Borough purchase pink ribbon magnets, no bigger than 2 ft. long, to be placed on DPW vehicles during the month of October. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Marino, Rapaport and Ascolese  
Nays: Brizzolara, Orecchio and Scott

There being a tie vote, Mayor Barsa voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Marino addressed the Council and public regarding his dismay with the manner in which he has been treated by the residents of Norwood pertaining to his application before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and their demand for his resignation. He voiced his displeasure with the way certain Borough officials carry out their duties and responsibilities. He continued that he has done nothing immoral, illegal or unethical and that he has no intention of resigning. Mr. Marino was adamant that his project is proper for the neighborhood and good for the community.

**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open 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. 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.

**Closed Session:**

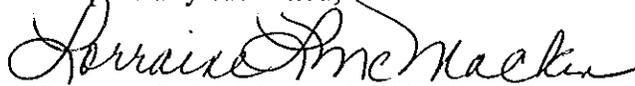
At 8:19 PM, motion to approve Resolution 14:179 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss the submittal of an application to the DEP to construct the DPW storage garage was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. The motion was declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:32 PM and asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk