

Amended 2/24/2015 to add Resolution 15:58

AGENDA
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2015
7:00 PM

MAYOR BARSA

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILMAN MARINO
COUNCILWOMAN ORECCHIO

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE
COUNCILMAN RAPAPORT
COUNCILMAN SCOTT

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 Ascolese _____
Councilman Marino _____ Councilman Rapaport _____
Councilwoman Orecchio _____ Councilman Scott _____

Mayor Barsa points out the Fire Exits

Approval of Resolution 15:58 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,192,813.62

Items for Discussion:

- Capital Budget for 2015 with final decision on streets to be paved
- Review of several towns ordinances on snow removal for amendment to the Borough's existing ordinance
- Chief Krapels request for a Drug and Alcohol Free School Zone
- Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the use of Norwood Police Department Substitute Crossing Guards
- Neglia Proposal for Construction Management Services for the DPW Building
- Borough Engineer's Report
- Borough Attorney's Report
- Administrator's Report

General Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
February 25, 2015

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 7:01 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
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Barry Scott

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Daniel Kaufman
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran
Chief of Police	Jeffrey Krapels

Absent:

Council President	Joseph Ascolese
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Approval of Resolution 15:58 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,192,813.62

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

Items for Discussion:

Capital Budget for 2015 with final decision on streets to be paved – Mayor Barsa noted that the following roads were suggested by the DPW Superintendent: Oak Street, from Broadway to Rockland Avenue; Nottingham Court, Winthrop Court, Villa Court, 5th and 17th Street, 4th Street, Belden Place, Holdrum Street, Rio Vista Drive, Rockland Avenue and High Street from

Broadway to the Northvale. He advised that although the estimated amount submitted by Neglia Engineering for these road improvements totals approximately \$2M, the allocated amount is slated for \$1M. During discussion it was decided that Oak Street be removed since the base bid for paving is \$300,000.00 without the drainage portion. Mr. Scott voiced his opinion that although Villa Court and 17th Street are not in dire need of repair, the storm sewers on 17th Street are collapsing. Additionally, there are no houses on 5th Street and it is only 100 ft. long. Mayor Barsa voiced his opinion that since Cho Dae Church will be undergoing sidewalk work on Rockland Avenue, it should be removed from the list at this time. Mr. Rapaport questioned the \$3,000.00 site clearing cost allotted to each road, and Mr. Kaufman explained that this is a generic amount and some of the costs would not materialize especially if bids are solicited through the Riverside Cooperative.

In conclusion, it was the consensus of the Council that Oak Street and Rockland Avenue be removed and that Mayor Barsa and Mr. Scott inspect the roadways on Friday morning and provide a list to Mrs. McMackin by Monday.

Review of several towns ordinances on snow removal for amendment to the Borough's existing ordinance – Mayor Barsa advised that he was in agreement with the Village of Ridgewood's ordinance and would like snow removal in the commercial zones to be compulsory sooner than within twenty-four hours. Mr. Rapaport suggested that there be no exemption for construction areas and that penalties escalate per occurrence. Mr. Fede explained that he would use the Ridgewood ordinance as a basis and would prepare an amendment to the present ordinance for review by the governing body.

Chief Krapels request for a Drug and Alcohol Free School Zone – Chief Krapels explained that enhanced penalties can be applied for DWI, drug use and drug selling within 1,000 ft. of school property. During discussion it was established that the 1,000 ft. is from the property line and that the only schools considered are those which are publicly funded. Discussion also included whether or not parks should be included and it was noted that the Borough Engineer has a 500 ft. map for public facilities. Following further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Rapaport authorizing the Borough Engineer to combine both the 1,000 ft. and 500 ft. maps and the Borough Attorney to prepare an ordinance for drug and alcohol free school zones to include the types of drugs and the different penalty schedule for those drugs. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Orecchio with all Council Members present voting in the affirmative with the exception of Mr. Scott.

Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the use of Norwood Police Department Substitute Crossing Guards – Chief Krapels explained that there are six alternate school crossing guards who are able and willing to work Closter posts if needed. He advised that Lt. Winters has assured him that any of Norwood's guards would be educated and trained as a new Closter

crossing guard. Mrs. Orecchio stressed that this be included in the written agreement and noted that the name of the Closter Mayor is now incorrect. Mr. Scott commended Chief Krapels describing his efforts as a job well-done that would benefit both Norwood and Closter. Motion to move forward with the preparation and execution of this interlocal agreement was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Neglia Proposal for Construction Management Services for the DPW Building –

Mr. Kaufman noted that the proposal has two amounts--\$14,950.00 for the design of the site work to include grading and utilities and \$12,550.00 for construction administration. Mr. Scott confirmed that this proposal is lower than the previous one. Motion to prepare a resolution approving this proposal for the March 11, 2015 Public Meeting was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer's Report – Mr. Kaufman reported as follows:

Livingston Street and Jay Street – work has been shut down due to the weather. The punch list items for Jay Street have been addressed. Neglia Engineering is working with Terri Johnson, the Rockland Electric representative to install the new electric service cabinet on Livingston Street.

Kennedy Park Baseball Dugouts – a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled with the contractor, Adamo Bros.

Kennedy Park Baseball Netting – still being negotiated. One of the contractors has yet to submit his numbers and a resolution awarding the project should be ready for the March Public Meeting.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that the items he had for discussion were previously addressed.

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

2015 Budget - the budget will be introduced on March 11, 2015 with a 1.5% increase and the Public Hearing will be held on April 8, 2016 at 7 PM.

2015 Salary Ordinance – will be ready for review at the next Work Session to be held on March 25, 2015.

2015 Road Program – as previously discussed, the list of roads will be needed for presentation to the Riverside Cooperative.

Purchase of Generators – a DPW worker informed that an electrical contractor will connect all outlets off the Community Center for \$3,000.00 and she recommended that this be approved. A generator for 455 Broadway will cost approximately \$75,000.00.

Request from Friends of Library – a letter was received from the Friends of the Library requesting to hold a White Elephant Sale at the Library. Since no objections were voiced, they will be notified of the governing body's approval.

Borough Hall Roof Replacement – since no word was received from the architect, the Borough Architect will be contacted. Mrs. McMackin reminded that the Capital Budget will remain firm at \$1.5M.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Jeffrey Goldsmith, 66 Old Farms Road, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, identified himself as the Mayor of Woodcliff Lake. He explained he was in attendance this evening to obtain clarification regarding a Letter to the Editor that appeared in today's issue of The Record written by Allen Rapaport. This letter stated that Assembly Members Schepisi and Auth are in contact with the Norwood Mayor and Council, generally weekly by either e-mail, text or phone concerning happenings in Trenton as well as Norwood and the Northern Valley. He requested that per this letter, Mr. Rapaport provide him with a copy of these weekly e-mails and texts from January 1, 2012, the time he took office as Mayor of Woodcliff Lake, to the present. Mayor Goldsmith advised that both Senator Cardinale and Assemblywoman Schepisi have addressed the Woodcliff governing body at his invitation but to date, Assemblyman Auth has never rescheduled a cancelled meeting. Mayor Goldsmith explained that he did not wish to go through an OPRA request, but would like Mr. Rapaport's statement verified voicing his opinion that he thinks it to be inaccurate. He also questioned why Mr. Rapaport did not identify himself properly at the closing of his letter.

Mr. Rapaport responded that Assemblywoman Schepisi was very helpful in the Borough obtaining DEP approval regarding the reconstruction of the DPW garage that was destroyed by fire. He explained that he would attempt to have his office produce the text messages since the received messages and his responses do not go through the Borough server but through his personal blackberry. Mr. Rapaport stated that he signed the letter as Councilman, Borough of Norwood (R) and has not had the opportunity to contact The Record to determine why it was omitted.

No one else wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorraine L. McMackin".

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk