

AGENDA
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 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

Mayor Barsa to issue oath of office to Patrolman Brad Young

Consent Agenda:

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed.

Approval of Resolutions:

15:217 Confirming the appointment of Brad Young as a Probationary Police Officer
15:218 Authorizing the Borough Attorney to execute a Consent Order resolving Borough's claim in Foreclosure Action

Items for Discussion:

- Proposed amendment to Chapter 176 Precious Metals and Gems
- Proposed ordinance regulating the parking on private property
- Letter from Community Associations Institute and proposed ordinance regarding abandoned properties under foreclosure

- Borough Engineer's Report
- Borough Attorney's Report
- Borough Administrator's Report

General Public Comment:

Approval of Resolution 15:219 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss Tax Appeal Settlement, COAH Issue and Deputy Clerk Position— Formal Action May Be Taken Upon Returning to Open Session

Adjournment:

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
December 2, 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 7:08 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	Tom Brizzolara
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Council President	Joseph Ascolese
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Barry Scott

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Daniel Kaufman
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran
DPW Superintendent	Alan Schrader

At this time Mayor Barsa introduced Brad Young as the newest Patrolman to the Norwood Police Department. Officer Young was accompanied by his Mother, Father and Chief Krapels while Mayor Barsa delivered the Oath of Office. Mr. Young pinned the badge on his son and the audience offered a round of applause.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- 15:217 Confirming the appointment of Brad Young as a Probationary Police Officer
- 15:218 Authorizing the Borough Attorney to execute a Consent Order resolving Borough's claim in Foreclosure Action

The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for Discussion:

Proposed amendment to Chapter 176 Precious Metals and Gems – Mr. Fede explained that the Chief of Police found an improved and more comprehensive ordinance requiring minor technical revisions to the current Chapter 176. Following a brief discussion, motion to introduce the ordinance at the December 16, 2015 Public Meeting was made by Mr. Ascolese and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Proposed ordinance regulating the parking on private property – Mr. Fede explained that this ordinance would add a new Chapter (166) to the Code. There was discussion as to whether or not there should be penalties associated with it. The Chief of Police recommended that the business owner be the responsible party to tow the vehicles which would not require penalties. Motion was made by Mr. Rapaport to introduce the ordinance, without penalties, at the December 16, 2015 Public Meeting. Mr. Ascolese seconded the motion with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Marino.

Letter from Community Associations Institute and proposed ordinance regarding abandoned properties under foreclosure – The purpose of the proposed ordinance would be to amend Chapter 177, Property Maintenance, to include properties in foreclosure and to hold the creditor of the property to be the responsible party regarding property maintenance issues, subject to summonses and fines. Motion to introduce this ordinance at the December 16, 2015 Public Meeting was made by Mr. Ascolese and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

At this time Mr. Brizzolara referred to a resident complaint regarding Norwood Place being a narrow roadway and becoming more so as the street curves from the corner of Norwood Place and Summit Street. He continued that safety concerns were raised pertaining to emergency services. Mr. Brizzolara proceeded to contact the Chief of Police, Fire Department, EMS and Road Department to verify these concerns and also asked the Borough Engineer to investigate. Mr. Brizzolara advised that no one reported any issue with the road and asked the Borough Engineer to report his findings.

Mr. Kaufman advised that he had a Neglia inspector take photographs which were distributed to the governing body members. He reported that the roadway is 24 ft., although 30 ft. is the preferred width. Mr. Kaufman questioned Mr. Neglia who explained that Norwood Place was originally a gravel roadway. Although it was the

Borough's intent to widen it as part of the 2003 Road Program, it was determined that due to the presence of a retaining wall and large trees along the edge of the road surface, there would be significant disruption to the residents along Norwood Place. Accordingly, the decision was made to remain with the existing width and to replace the road surface and install signage to improve safety.

During discussion, Mr. Ascolese noted that the bushes and trees overhanging the roadway could be trimmed and Mr. Scott reminded that there are many streets in the Borough that are under 30 ft. with his street being 18 ft. Mr. Brizzolara thanked Mr. Kaufman for his prompt response.

Borough Engineer's Report – Mr. Kaufman reported that all jobs have been closed-out; Livingston Street Phase III will get underway next year; the generator will be bid next Tuesday with eleven potential bidders.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had a matter to discuss in Closed Session.

Borough Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin reported that the bid for the four-ton diesel fired asphalt hauling trailer (hot box) came in under the \$45,000 budget for \$40,672.00. She continued that the Borough of Old Tappan will be paying half the cost and asked for a motion approving Resolution 15:220 authorizing this contract. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mrs. McMackin advised that she would like to move forward with expanded senior van service. The DPW will be driving those interested seniors to the Christmas Party on December 15, 2015. Although the President of the Senior Club, Mrs. Kleinlaut offered to pay for the driver, Mrs. McMackin will defer the cost from the Administration budget. She stressed the need to explore the hiring of a driver for the van with the 2016 Budget.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Ascolese, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Closed Session:

Motion to approve Resolution 15:219 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss Tax Appeal Settlement, COAH Issue and Deputy Clerk Position was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Formal action may be taken upon returning to Open Session.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:45 PM and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 15:221, appointing the Planning Board Attorney as Special Conflict Counsel for Affordable Housing Litigation. The motion was made by Mr. Ascolese, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

At this time, Mr. Marino explained the agenda for the Second Annual Home for the Holidays Parade, noting that Richard Sposa would be the Marshall. He continued that all Northern Valley Fire Companies and EMS's have been invited with the tree lighting ceremony to be held at the Fire House this year. The chorus and band from Norwood Public School will perform and Santa Claus will be available for photographs with the children.

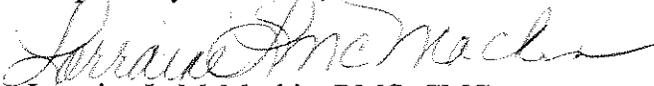
Mayor Barsa asked all to join him after the December 16, 2016 Public Meeting for holiday fare at Bidy O'Malley's.

Mrs. McMackin advised that she has had conversation with Chief Krapels regarding an active shooter drill for the employees at Borough Hall. She also will be seeking quotes for keypad entries for all Borough Hall doors.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk