

Borough of Norwood
Work Session Meeting
February 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER AT 8:05 PM

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Anthony Guercio
Councilwoman	Dolores Senatore
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

ABSENT:

Councilman	Michael Knigin
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Chris Taverna

Mayor Barsa convened the meeting the 8:05 PM.

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Ms. Senatore and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street, advised that he spoke with the Norwood Board of Education regarding his idea to adopt and support a school in New Orleans and received tentative approval. He will now proceed with representatives from the four churches and the parochial school housed in Norwood. Mr. Scott advised that Immaculate Conception Church and Holy Family Interparochial School have already adopted a New Orleans School; and Mr. Condoleo advised so did the Presbyterian Church.

Phyllis Key, 401 D'Ercole Court, voiced her surprise at the number of Fox Hill area paper streets and questioned the impact this would have on the construction of another senior housing complex in the area. Mayor Barsa explained that the addition of another senior housing unit is only in the exploratory and discussion stage. He further explained that there are paper streets in this area that can be vacated.

George Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court, questioned whether other sites besides Fox Hill were being investigated for the construction of additional senior housing. Mayor Barsa explained that an east hill area and the area west of Hemlock are also being studied.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Ms. Senatore with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

07:53 Authorizing the sale of the 1989 1000 GPM 3D Rescue Pumper to Triangle Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. for \$31,1000.00

Motion approving Resolution 07:53 was made by Ms. Senatore, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and approved upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for Discussion:

Stream Corridor Protection

Christine Hageman, Chair of the Environmental Commission explained the system of C-1 storms draining into the Oradell Reservoir and their designation on the FEMA flood insurance rate maps. She continued that the Commission has recommended more local control by preparing a Borough mapping of streams to provide to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment when they are considering applications for new and major construction involving one acre or more. Ms. Hageman advised that the Commission reviewed the current Stormwater Ordinance, compared it to the Borough of Tenafly's and suggested changes be made in order to facilitate more stringent control.

Mr. Scott explained that a GIS system will shortly be available to the Construction Official to do outfall mapping of all the streams in the Borough. Ms. Hageman added that there is a \$20,000 ANJEC grant with application deadline sometime in March that could be applied for this type work. Mayor Barsa recommended that this matter be further discussed with the Borough Engineer at the next Work Session scheduled for February 28, 2007.

Borough Attorney Report

Mr. Fede advised that he had matters to discuss in Closed Session.

Borough Administrator Report

In the absence of the Borough Administrator, no report was given.

At this time, Mayor Barsa entertained a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Ms. Senatore with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street, in accordance with the recognition of President Lincoln's Birthday, applauded and commended all political personages who serve in both parties.

Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court, congratulated Mr. Scott for being elected Council President.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting aye.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked if any Council Member had any item to discuss.

Mr. Condoleo referred to a previous suggestion made that speed rumble strips be installed on Summit Street to reduce speeding and questioned whether the Council would give approval. Mayor Barsa reminded that the NJDOT historically does not approve this type of traffic calming device on streets that transverse from one town to another.

Mr. Brizzolara stated that the NJDOT should be asked for an exemption. Mr. Scott reminded that a letter from Mayor Hogan of Northvale is being awaited stating that Northvale has no objection to the placement of speed bumps on Summit Street and that once received, the Borough Engineer should be asked for help in requesting a waiver from the NJDOT.

Mr. Brizzolara referred to the radar statistics for Summit Street provided by the Police Department and asked that the Chief attend the next Work Session to discuss them.

Mr. Scott reported that library usage is up 20%.

At 8:45 PM, Mayor Barsa asked for approval of Resolution 07:54 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss the findings and recommendations relating to the grievance filed on 12-18-06 and the proposed elevator inspector contract. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Ms. Senatore with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa declared a five-minute recess before proceeding in the Closed Session.

At 9:55 PM, Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting and asked for a motion approving the resolution regarding grievances filed by Brian Lally and the DPW Association that incorporates all of the changes and recommendations made in the Closed Session. The motion was made by Ms. Senatore and seconded by Mr. Guercio with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion

A motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare a resolution authorizing a contract between New Jersey Technical Services, Inc., Kevin J. Doherty, Principal and the Borough of Norwood for elevator inspector services, as well as the contract itself, was made by Mr. Scott. The motion was seconded by Ms. Senatore with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. The Resolution and Contract will be acted upon at the March 6, 2007 Public Meeting.

Mr. Brizzolara requested that Ms. Senatore obtain from the Chief of Police a record of all summonses issued over the past 10 years.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 PM was made by Ms. Senatore, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,


Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk