

**CALL TO ORDER AT 8:05 PM**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Councilman	Anthony Guercio
Councilwoman	Dolores Senatore (8:15 PM)
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

**ABSENT:**

Councilman	Michael Knigin
Council President	Barry Scott

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Michael Neglia
Chief of Police	Jeffrey Krapels

Mayor Barsa convened the meeting the 8:02 PM.

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Condoleo with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Unidentified female, commended the DPW performance during the two recent snow storms. She questioned how information would be relayed should there be a horrific occurrence that would impact the health and welfare of the public.

Chief Krapels explained that there is an Emergency Management Manual consisting of over 1,000 pages that is reviewed every five years by the County and State. Members of the Fire Department and EMS are part of the emergency management team and that he has immediate access to the reverse 911 system. Chief Krapels advised that he would reach out to the Fox Hill management to see what they have in place as an emergency management plan and will mesh it with the Borough's.

George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street, voiced his opinion that emergency response teams should be established for all large businesses in town and volunteered his services to help get such teams started and also networked with the Borough's emergency program.

Mr. Hertzberg reported that he is in the progress of discussing with his attorney the establishment of a volunteer organization, separate and apart from the Borough, to adopt a school in New Orleans.

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

**Joint Session between the Mayor and Council and the Planning Board to address illegal/multiple family dwellings as requested by the Planning Board**

The Administrator/Clerk took roll call of the Planning Board members.

Mayor Barsa noted that there has been an on-going problem with children registering for the public school who are living in illegal/multiple dwellings. The problem is further aggravated by the fact that once a child is enrolled, he/she can not be dismissed from the school. The Borough Attorney reminded that the Borough is limited by State Law in that the definition of a family is no longer limited to blood relations.

During a lengthy discussion, the following issues were raised:

The Borough's zoning ordinances do not permit two-family homes and only a few are grandfathered (in existence prior to 1955).

The language in the zoning ordinance is too vague to prosecute and there is no means of enforcement.

The meaning of a conversion is very unclear.

The Zoning Official can not gain access to a home; and therefore, can not obtain evidence to be used in Court.

In conclusion, it was the consensus of the members of the governing body and Planning Board that a copy of Haledon's ordinance be obtained so that the Borough Attorney and Planning Board Attorney can work together to prepare a draft ordinance within sixty days for review by the Mayor and Council and Planning Board. Additionally, the Borough Attorney was asked to check with the Post Office to determine if the Borough can be provided with information as to what residences have more than one-family mail delivery.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked the Borough Engineer to address the stream corridor protection plan as recommended by the Environmental Commission. Mr. Neglia displayed a map showing in color the current C-1 streams, and in white those proposed to be included. He advised that the C-1 streams are highly regulated by the State and come with a 300 ft. buffer. He voiced his opinion that the Borough should not further regulate itself beyond what the state has done. Mr. Neglia commented that the Borough of Tenafly's stormwater ordinance should not be used as a sample, since that Borough has entirely different problems and needs than Norwood's. He reported that the State usually provides new regulations late into the summer and that the Borough should not do anything at this time.

Mayor Barsa declared a five-minute recess at 9:20 PM.

At 9:30 PM, Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting and entertained a motion to approve the following resolution:

07:56 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of  
\$2,723,133.23

The motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

**Items for Discussion:**

**CSX Crossing Upgrades Request by Traffic & Safety Signs, Inc.**

Mayor Barsa explained that the railroad crossings at Broadway and Blanche Avenue are to be upgraded by CSX and that the railroad has proposed detour plans during the project. The Chief of Police advised he will use the 911 reverse system to inform residents and a message board to inform motorists of the detour.

A motion approving the upgrade and detour plan as submitted by CSX was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Request for Treatment Works Approval for the Meadow Lane Subdivision**

Mr. Neglia advised that the Council should not give approval until it receives a letter from his firm recommending such approval.

Verdin Company proposal for a Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the Street Clock

Mr. Brizzolara voiced his opinion that the purchase of a maintenance agreement is a good idea to protect the Borough's investment. A motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare a Resolution authorizing an agreement as well as the agreement itself was made by Mr. Brizzolara. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guercio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Proclamation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month"

With no objections voiced, Mayor Barsa asked that the Proclamation be prepared for the March 6, 2007 Public Meeting.

**Borough Engineer's Report**

Livingston Street Beautification:

Mr. Neglia advised that the plan was submitted to the County Engineer and that there would be an approximate two-month period before approval is received from the County.

Broad Street Beautification:

A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> with the contractor, 4 Clean-Up, Inc. Mr. Neglia assured the Council that notification letters will be distributed to the businesses.

Kennedy Park War Memorial:

The engineering services proposal is still waiting for Mayor and Council approval.

2006 Riverside Cooperative Road Program:

According to the contractor, English Paving & Excavating, work will start the beginning of April.

Mr. Neglia voiced apprehension with the Riverside Cooperative program since it is his opinion a contract is being entered into without a plan and therefore there is no protection. He continued that these contracts only pertain to repaving streets and do not take into consideration the catch basins and curbs that may need repair. Mr. Neglia advised he would attend the next Riverside Cooperative meeting with the Administrator/Clerk so that he may pose his questions and get a better understanding of the program.

Kennedy Park Pond Dredging:

Mr. Neglia reported that it is being proposed that the configuration of the pond be changed using the dredged material and a natural clay liner. He advised that DEP permits would probably be needed to change the 2 ft. depth to 6 ft. or 7 ft. and that he estimated the engineering design to cost \$27,475.00 with the total project running approximately \$150,000.00.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Neglia Engineering prepare the DEP permit application and arrange for the Bergen County Mosquito Commission to dredge the pond. Tobar Excavating will then be asked to transport the dredged material to the compost facility.

Summit Street Speed Humps:

Mr. Neglia once again explained that the DOT does not permit speed humps to be installed on streets that travel from one town to another. Therefore, it is his recommendation that the speed hump that was installed on High Street as a temporary measure be removed. It was the consensus of the Council that this recommendation be followed and the DPW will be asked to remove it.

Mr. Neglia suggested that the intersections at Summit Street and High Street be raised. Chief Krapels suggested that speed humps be placed on Hudson Avenue and Rockland Avenue and that the stop signs on these streets be transferred to Summit Street and High Street. Mr. Neglia explained that in order to change stop signs, a Warren Analysis has to be done. He further explained that the DOT recommends strong police enforcement when DOT requirements can not be met. Chief Krapels reported that he instructed his men to run radar on Summit Street and that there is a zero tolerance policy. Twenty-five tickets were issued from 4:00 PM today. Mr. Neglia advised he would work with the Chief of Police regarding traffic calming devices for both Summit and High Streets.

Mr. Brizzolara questioned Mr. Neglia regarding the status of the wayside horns. Mr. Neglia advised he would provide a complete update with estimates to be discussed at a Work Session. Mr. Neglia also advised that he would have a traffic expert in attendance at the March 6, 2007 Public Meeting.

Borough Attorney Report

Mr. Fede reported that he prepared the following documents: contract for the Broad Street improvement which has been sent it to the successful bidder, 4 Clean Up; specifications for the new dump truck; the ordinances vacating the various streets in the Central Woods. Mr. Fede advised that he had a matter to discuss in Closed Session.

**Borough Administrator Report**

Mrs. McMackin reported that the police investigation has been completed for the transfer of the inactive Delta Sigma liquor license to Fotios and Kiriake Vardakis. The Resolutions of transfer and renewal will be placed on the March 6, 2007 Public Meeting agenda.

Mrs. McMackin reported that the definition of “family” will have to be addressed in the Borough ordinances due to the legislative changes for civil unions and domestic partnerships. She explained that the Borough ordinances would also have to be amended to permit the Mayor to collect a fee for performing a marriage. In lieu of a fee, the Mayor can ask that a donation be made to a charity, but a specific charity can not be named.

Mrs. McMackin reported that the Riverside Cooperative is looking to see what towns are interested in participating in the road improvement program.

**General Public Comment**

A motion to open 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.

Murray Bass, 331 Piermont Road, voiced his opinion that the multi-family issue is also an ethnic issue in that the town is approximately 25% Asian and this population has no problem with many families sharing one home. He suggested a door-to-door canvass to deal with the cultural problem.

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

At this time, Mr. Brizzolara questioned when budget sheets would be distributed to the Council. Mr. Condoleo advised that the Finance Committee will meet one more time and will then provide them to the Council. Mayor Barsa directed that budget sheets be included in the Friday packets.

Mr. Brizzolara requested that Ms. Senatore speak with the Chief of Police regarding parking restrictions on High Street due to the overflow from Jose O'Reilly's on Friday and Saturday evenings after 6:00 PM

Mr. Brizzolara referred to a Paramus ordinance that prohibits Borough employees politicking in local elections. He questioned the Borough Attorney if he has seen other towns prohibiting this. Mr. Fede advised that he has not encountered this restriction in the towns he deals with. Mr. Brizzolara asked the Council whether the Borough Attorney Borough should entertain adopting one. There was no interest expressed by the Council.

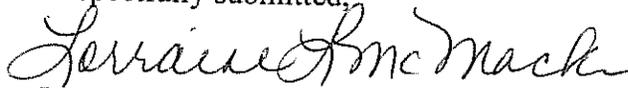
At 10:48 PM, Mayor Barsa entertained a motion to go into closed session regarding the findings and recommendations relating to the grievance filed on 12-18-06. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Ms. Senatore and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

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

At 11:35 PM, Mayor Barsa reconvened the Open Session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Ms. Senatore, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk