

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
July 18, 2007

CALL TO ORDER AT 8:05 PM

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Michael Knigin
Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Anthony Guercio
Councilwoman	Dolores Senatore

ABSENT:

Councilman	Tom Brizzolara
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Chief of Police	Jeffrey Krapels

Mayor Barsa convened the meeting at 8:05 PM and asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

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

Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court, voiced his understanding that the installation of wayside horns will not prevent the conductor from blowing the horn and advised that Rockland County received a grant to establish "Quiet Zones" with four quadrant gates. Mr. Guercio explained that the installation of quadrant gates removes the responsibility of maintaining the railroad crossing from CSX and the reasons why the Borough chose to proceed with the wayside horns.

Mr. Salerno advised that he has noticed a decrease in the amount of debris on McClellan Street since the installation of the "no littering" signs. Mr. Salerno questioned the cost of the Swift Reach program and was informed by Chief Krapels that the monthly rate is approximately \$300 with an additional three cents per call. Chief Krapels explained that the cost for this program is part of the Police Department budget and that 1400 calls can be made in three minutes.

No one else wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Guercio with all Council Members present voting aye.

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Bond Ordinance 07:28 for Council action entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,366,800 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

Mr. Knigin offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guercio with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Knigin to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 07:28 was made by Mr. Knigin and seconded by Mr. Scott. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Knigin, Scott, Guercio and Senatore
Nays: None
Absent: Brizzolara and Condoleo

There being five (4) ayes and no nays, the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Approval of Resolution 07:120 – Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Basis for all incident management in Bergen County, NJ

Mayor Barsa explained that the adoption of the above-mentioned Resolution is state mandated. Motion approving Resolution 07:120 was made by Mr. Knigin, seconded by Ms. Senatore and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Items for discussion:

Zoning Ordinance – Patios – Mr. Renaud, Construction Official, explained his reasons for revisiting the zoning ordinance regarding patios, specifically, that patios are not clearly defined. Mr. Renaud referred to the July 2, 2007 letter received from the Borough Attorney addressing his concerns. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Knigin and seconded by Mr. Scott authorizing the Borough Attorney to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 233, Section 17. The motion was approved upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. It was noted that once introduced, the ordinance is to be sent to the Planning Board for comment.

Off Street Parking re Memo dated 6/27/07 from Paul Renaud – Mr. Renaud withdrew his request as stated in his memo since with the adoption of Ordinance 07:03 the fines and penalties that may be imposed for zoning ordinance violations were increased.

Blanch Avenue Vacation – report from Environmental Commission regarding meeting with Closter E. C. – After reviewing Christine Hageman's memorandum dated July 12, 2007, the following individuals from the Borough of Closter voiced their objections to the vacation of Blanch Avenue due to its historical significance:

- Edward Rogan, Closter Borough Attorney
- Arthur Goldberg, 75 Harvard Street
- Steven Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue

Marie Springer, former Borough of Norwood Environmental Commission Chair, encouraged the vacation of Blanch Avenue explaining that deed restrictions can be changed.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the ordinance be amended according to the suggestion made by Mr. Isaacson that the width of the road be reduced rather than totally eliminating it.

Library roofing/two quotes received – Mr. Scott referred to the two quotes received for the library roofing and advised a third is being awaited. The Borough Attorney advised that the cost is under the bidding threshold and recommended a resolution awarding the contract and a formal agreement be prepared. Therefore, a motion authorizing the Borough Attorney to prepare the Resolution and Agreement was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Guercio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Letter dated June 8, 2007 from David Seelinger, Empire Limousine re Chief Krapels Letter regarding parking on Borough property – A motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Senatore authorizing the Borough Attorney to work with the Chief of Police to address parking restrictions on Hudson Avenue for Empire Limousine vehicles. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Procedure for Police Department Promotions – A motion was made by Ms. Senatore and seconded by Mr. Scott authorizing Chief Krapels to officially notify members of the Police Department regarding a promotional examination for two Sergeant Positions and to use the Princeton Educational Research Institute as the recognized testing agency. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Hiring of two (2) additional seasonal DPW employees at a salary of \$9.00/hr.

Resolution 07:121 – offering employment to Mr. Hudson Yahr, 335 Westwind Court, Northvale commencing July 23, 2007 as a seasonal employee at a salary of \$9.00/hr. Motion approving Resolution 07:121 was made by Ms. Senatore, seconded by Mr. Knigin and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Resolution 07:122 – offering employment to Mr. Stephen Drescher, 115 Serpentine Road, Demarest commencing July 23, 2007 as a seasonal employee at a salary of \$9.00/hr. Motion approving Resolution 07:122 was made by Ms. Senatore, seconded by Mr. Knigin and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Borough Attorney Report - Mr. Fede advised that all the items he had for discussion were previously addressed.

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Jim Elling, 263 Summit Street, suggested that the amended ordinance vacating a portion of Blanch Avenue refer to it as a historic roadway going back to colonial times.

Mark Lupardi, 707 Blanch Avenue, suggested that when preparing the ordinance regarding patios consideration be given for those who wish to construct a shed on a slab.

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

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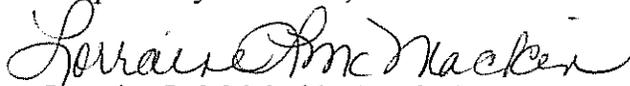
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Approval of Resolution 07:123 – Authorizing the Mayor and Council to go into Closed Session to discuss Police activities - Motion approving Resolution 07:123 was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

At 9:15 PM, Mayor Barsa declared a ten-minute recess before proceeding in Closed Session.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 9:55 PM and asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Ms. Senatore and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk