

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 8, 2022
7:00 PM
MAYOR BARSA

COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOSCHINO
COUNCILMAN KIM

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILWOMAN HAUSMANN
COUNCILMAN SULJIC

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held at Borough Hall on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those in attendance in a salute to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence

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, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk’s office, and posting on the bulletin board.”

Roll Call:	Mayor Barsa	Present
	Councilman Ascolese	Present
	Councilman Brizzolara	Present
	Council President Foschino	Present
	Councilwoman Hausmann	Present
	Councilman Kim	Present
	Councilman Suljic	Present

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Department May Fee Log
Norwood Police Department May Report
Norwood Fire Department May Report

CEREMONY

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve resolutions 2022:115 and 2022:116 from the consent agenda for the appointment of Matthew Dottino and Matthew Rooney to the Norwood Police Department. The motion was made by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann with all Council Members present voting aye.

Mayor Barsa administered the oath of office to Norwood Police Officer Matthew Dottino & Police Officer Matthew J. Rooney.

MAYOR'S OPENING ADDRESS

Mayor Barsa stated that as school begins to whine down and residents get ready to leave for summer vacation, there are still plenty of opportunities here for community members to take part in.

Mayor Barsa announced that the next Mayors Wellness event will be held at the swim club on Saturday, June 11th. Beginning at 11:30am, this event will focus on water and sun safety.

Mayor Barsa stated that also, on June 11th, the recreation baseball and softball parent volunteer coaches will be playing in a coaches tournament. The games will begin at 5pm and he am looking forward to being one of the umpires.

Norwood's Movie Night at Kennedy Field has been rescheduled for Friday, June 17th. The Sandlot will begin at 8:30pm and Rockland Kettle Corn will be there selling treats.

The mayor encouraged residents to stop by the American Legion to support the 7th graders and their car wash. The car wash will run from 10am-1pm on June 11th.

Mayor Barsa stated that the library summer reading program will open registration on Monday, June 27th.

PROCLAMATIONS

Deacon Jim Puliatte Day – June 12, 2022

100th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church – June 24, 2022

Mayor Barsa announced the two proclamations being made tonight to declare June 12th, 2022, as Deacon Jim Puliatte Day in Norwood. Mayor Barsa also announced the 100th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church in town.

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 the Following Minutes:

May 25, 2022, Mayor & Council Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2022:115 Appointment of Matthew Dottino to the Norwood Police Department

2022:116 Appointment of Matthew J. Rooney to the Norwood Police Department
2022:117 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of
Norwood and the Borough of Harrington Park for Shared Use of
Composting Facility
2022:118 Authorizing an Award of Contract for Radio Equipment for the
Norwood EMS
2022:119 Approving the Refund of COAH Deposit for Block 154/Lot 21
(75 Demarest Street)
2022:120 Payment of Vouchers

Councilman Brizzolara had a question on resolution 2022:120. Councilman Brizzolara wanted to know what a certain item in the bill list was. The item was in page one of the bill list which was titled GENERAL CODE – Printing & Binding. Borough Administrator / Clerk Padovano explained that that bill is for the recodification of ordinances that the Mayor and Council pass during each year. When new ordinances are passed, the borough code needs to be recodified.

It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann to approve the Consent Agenda and the minutes be approved for content and release. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Brizzolara:

Councilman Brizzolara stated that Jones Road has been asphalted. The zoning board of adjustment approved an application from an Italian restaurant for the Grande building. The construction office received a lot of calls regarding flooding in town as a result of last week's storm.

Councilwoman Hausman:

The Zoning Board of Adjustment approved an application from an Italian restaurant for the Grande building. The application was approved with certain stipulations regarding parking, garbage control, and pest control. Councilwoman Hausmann commented that the zoning board of adjustments is a very well-run board and the members do a great job.

The Board of Health issued temporary food licenses to the PTO carnival, which was a great event. Board of Health Secretary and President both attended a memory care class which was very informational. The Mayors Wellness Campaign and the Board of Health are hosting a swim safety class in the Norwood Swim Club on June 11th.

The Environmental Commission did not meet in June yet, but the hikes are continuing as scheduled. Councilwoman Hausmann asked if the environmental commission could be involved when the beds for the community garden are about to be laid.

Councilwoman Hausmann had questions regarding the recent summer mailing sent out by the town. Councilwoman Hausmann would like to be advised the next time something like this will go out and is happy to offer design help and content to be included. Mayor Barsa instructed Borough Administrator / Clerk Padovano to send the prospective June newsletter to the council so they can have input.

*Council President Foschino entered the meeting

Councilman Suljic:

Nothing to report this month.

Councilman Ascolese:

The grant writer let Councilman Ascolese know that the DOT grant application will be submitted in July. Councilman Ascolese also stated that the seniors meeting was on the 1st Monday of the month, and they had a county sponsored speaker.

Councilman Kim:

Councilman Kim spoke about the different contracts at Norwood Public School. Northern Valley Schools had a short meeting. On June 17th there will be the Summit House graduation.

Councilman Kim explained that the library is contemplating installing new front doors with an automatic feature. The library expressed interest in joining forces with the Norwood Swim Club and offering programs for the members of the pool for rainy days. The library will also be hiring a part time worker.

Councilman Kim announced that the Greenway will be meeting on June 9th, 2022.

Council President Foschino:

Council President Foschino thanked DPW Director Rob Tracy and the DPW crew for the fantastic job they did getting ready for the Memorial Day service and also for maintaining the carnival area and cleaning up each night.

Norwood's first annual Project Clean and Green was a huge success. Mayor Barsa and Council President Foschino have received positive feedback from residents that attended. Council President Foschino thanked Norwood's Recycling Coordinator Eric

Schuck, for engaging with our residents, answering questions, and explaining the importance of recycling. The next shredding and recycling event is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd. There will be more information as it gets closer to the event date.

Council President Foschino would like to begin a program to honor residents, past and present, who have served or are currently serving in the military. He has reached out to a company that makes banners showcasing the service member. Each banner will be 30"x60" and the front will have a photo of the honoree, their rank, years of service and which branch of the armed forces they served in. The back will read

"To All Our Veterans and Active-Duty Military, Thank You."

These banners will be hung along our main roads from Memorial Day to Veterans Day and rehung each year. This program will be open to current or past Norwood residents who have served or is currently serving in any branch of the armed forces. The cost of the banner will be \$160.00, and this will be paid by the person submitting the application. The DPW has ordered a sample banner and Council President Foschino will share it with everyone once it arrives.

Council President Foschino will be asking for the personnel committee to start thinking about hiring a full-time member to the DPW to make up for the void created by being down three employees.

Council President Foschino met with the leadership from the fire department to discuss the implementation of a stipend program. This will help promote membership and help retain those who are already members. Demarest and Closter already implemented these programs in their own municipalities and Demarest received a grant to help them get the program off the ground. Council President Foschino also mentioned trying to bring up the LOSAP numbers as well.

Police Department gave the Fire Department car 303 for Scott Roberts to use as county coordinator. The county is paying for the radios that go in the car.

The Fire Department had a drill at the firehouse to practice with the new generation of Scott packs.

Council President Foschino mentioned that the fire department hopes to convince the fire academy in Mahwah to offer remote learning for classroom lectures to help alleviate travel expense and time for those taking FFI training.

For recreation, Council President Foschino attended the most recent meeting. Soccer and football/cheer registration is open now. Raiders night out is scheduled for June 12th. 5th and 6th grade softball girls are undefeated.

The 5K run will be held on Norwood day, September 24th. They are looking for volunteers.

The recreation committee made three recommendations to the mayor and council for field use applications. These organizations will use the fields for their summer baseball/softball seasons. There is a stipulation for the Norwood Whalers that they will be playing on field two. They were using field 1, but by using field 1, field 3 becomes unusable. They also wish to have the fee waved. Council President Foschino asked the mayor to have these applications on for discussion at the next work session.

Councilwoman Hausmann feels that the military banners are a great idea and questioned if the town should maybe cover the cost of the banner for the veterans, rather than putting that burden on those who served the country. Council President Foschino feels it is a great way to get people involved and to take ownership of something in town. He went on to say that since others are able to sponsor a banner for another person, the fee should be the responsibility of the applicant.

Council President Foschino announced that the DPW will be ordering signage for the Benequista, Cerbasi, and Falkenstern families. Each family has responded warmly to the idea of street signs featuring the family name to put above the existing street signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilwoman Hausmann and seconded by Councilman Ascolese. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

Dominic Congiusti – 195 Livingston St.

Thanked the council for seeing a need to make the county aware of the burden the drive to the academy is on the new firemen town. He let the council know that about 5 or 6 years ago, Assemblyman Robert Auth tried to push this issue and it led nowhere. He recommended finding out what happened with that discussion.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilwoman Hausmann and seconded by Councilman Ascolese. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

CLOSED SESSION

2022:121 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to proceed in
Closed Session – Litigation

Motion by Councilman Ascolese, second by Councilman Kim, and unanimously agreed that 2022:121 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed

Session –Litigation be approved. The meeting temporarily adjourned to Closed Session at 7:56 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Council President Foschino. All councilmembers present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk