

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
SINE-DIE/REORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2022
7:00 PM**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held on the above date at Borough Hall and with Zoom access to the meeting.

Sarah Lucero sang the National Anthem, followed by the invocation by Deacon James Puliatte.

Mayor Barsa stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barsa acknowledged and thanked all dignitaries, and borough employees in the audience.

All members were present at roll call.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the following Resolutions:

21:229 DPW Emergency Vendors
21:230 Authorizing Request for Qualifications
21:231 Payment of Vouchers

Approval of the following Minutes: December 22, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting

It was moved by Council President Ascolese and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann to approve the Consent Agenda without 21:229 and that the 12/22/2021 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes be approved for content and release. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Rooney had a question regarding the amount of snow to warrant an emergency response under resolution 21:229. DPW Director Tracy said that anything less than 4 inches is too little for an emergency response, but ultimately it is unknown with the way COVID is spreading. He went on to explain that even if there is less than 4 inch snowfall, but manpower is effect from COVID the Borough still has to call for emergency snow removal. Discussion was held on this point. Councilman Brizzolara wanted to know if the Borough Employees had any negative feelings towards this procedure and DPW Director stated that there was no negative response. Councilwoman Hausmann had a question regarding pricing which Director Tracy and Michael Neglia answered. Council President Ascolese mentioned that he would like

to have the companies and pricing locked into a contract. Councilman Foschino mentioned that due to the necessity of recent storms and the pandemic, situations can change very quickly and it is good to have this extra insurance policy.

It was moved by Councilwoman Hausmann and seconded by Council President Ascolese to approve amended resolution 21:229 by only approving the Westphal and Falkenstern snow removal aspect. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Barsa began his opening remarks by thanking all the borough employees, borough professionals and volunteers and welcomed all new employees. He then went on to thank and congratulate each council member for a successful 2021. Mayor Barsa mentioned the success of the downtown area as complimented by residents and other municipalities. The 2019 & 2020 road programs have been completed. This includes improvements to the EMS and Fire Department parking lots. Under the guidance of Councilman Foschino, and the leadership of Director Rob Tracy, the DPW has continued to provide the residents with outstanding service while finding ways to save and generate money for the borough. We were fortunate that our Board of Health was able to arrange for Holy Name Hospital to be at Norwood Day administering the COVID vaccine. 2021 was a very productive year for our Recreation Department. We had successful sports seasons and another great month of summer camp. As part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign, Mayor Barsa's goal for this past year was to hold a variety of events to promote the health and overall wellbeing of our residents. Lastly, Mayor Barsa thanked all Norwood Residents.

CLOSE MEETING. SINE—DIE

Motion to Adjourn the meeting SINE—DIE by Councilman Foschino seconded by Councilman Brizzolara. Meeting closed at 7:46pm.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

The Borough Clerk announces the receipt of the Certificates of Election from Bergen County for Councilman Ascolese and Councilman Brizzolara.

Oath of Office administered to Councilman Ascolese by Mayor Jim Barsa

Oath of Office administered to Councilman Brizzolara by Congressman Josh Gottheimer

All members were present at the roll call of 2021 Council.

SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Councilman Kim made a motion to elect Councilman Foschino as Council President. Councilman Ascolese seconded the motion. Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to elect

Councilman Rooney as Council President. The Borough Clerk took a roll call vote for Councilman Foschino's nomination. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Ascolese	Aye
Councilman Brizzolara	Nay
Councilman Foschino	Aye
Councilwoman Hausmann	Nay
Councilman Kim	Aye
Councilman Rooney	Aye

With the majority vote, Councilman Foschino was made Council President for 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 22:01 Approving the Rules and By-Laws dated July 2, 1969 supplemented and approved for 2022
- 22:02 Approving the Rules of Order
- 22:03 Mayor and Council Meeting Annual Meeting Notice
- 22:04 Minutes of Meetings need not be read by the Borough Clerk at Council Meetings
- 22:05 Designation of Official Newspapers
- 22:06 2022 Official Holidays
- 22:07 Establishing a Cash Management Plan
- 22:08 Designating 2022 Bank Depositories
- 22:09 Fixing the Rate of Interest and Year End Penalty for non-payment of taxes
- 22:10 Appointment of Lori Gonzalez as assistant Treasurer for the year 2022
- 22:11 Appointment of Richard Buginsky as Deputy Borough Clerk
- 22:12 Appointment of Jordan Padovano as Insurance Commissioner for the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund for 2022
- 22:13 Appointment of Robert Brescia as Municipal Housing Liaison for the year 2022
- 22:14 Appointment of Janet Gallagher as Court Assistant
- 22:15 Appointment of Laura A. Nunnink, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2022
- 22:16 Appointment of Louis G. DeAngelis, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2022
- 22:17 Appointment of Chief Jeffrey Krapels as Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2022
- 22:18 Appointing Kevin C. Corrison of Breslin & Breslin PA as Borough Attorney for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022
- 22:19 Appointment of Boswell Engineering as Special Conflict Engineer for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022 for all projects but 521-525 Livingston Street

- 22:20 Appointment of Colliers Engineering and Design as Special Conflict Engineer for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022 for all projects at 521-525 Livingston Street
- 22:21 Approval of 2022 Temporary Budget
- 22:22 Appointing Steven Wielkottz of Wielkottz and Company as Borough Auditor for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022
- 22:23 Appointing Steve Rogut of Rogut, McCarthy, L.L.C. as Bond Counsel for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022
- 22:24 Appointing Victor Fadini as Risk Manager for the Borough of Norwood for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022
- 22:25 Appointing Dart Computer as IT Consultant for a one-year term to expire on 12/31/2022
- 22:26 Appointing Kevin Doherty as Elevator Inspector for one-year term with one, one-year extensions
- 22:27 Appointing Acari and Iovino Architects PC as Borough Architect for a one-year term to expire on 12/31/2022
- 22:28 Appointing Kauker & Kauker LLC as Borough Planner for a one-year term to expire on 12/31/2022
- 22:29 Appointing Helene C. Herbert, Esq. as Special Conflict Counsel for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022
- 22:30 Appointment of Andrew Fede to Serve as Special Counsel to the Borough of Norwood
- 22:31 Appointing Jason Shafron as Labor Attorney for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022
- 22:32 Appointment of the County of Bergen as its Animal Control Officer for 2022
- 22:33 Authorizing a Public Health Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and the County of Bergen for Employees Assistance Program
- 22:34 Appointing Supporting Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
- 22:35 Approving Inter-Boro Mutual Aid Group with various municipalities
- 22:36 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the Use of the Police Firearms Training Facility
- 22:37 Appointing Richard Buginsky as Deputy Tax Collector for 2022
- 22:38 Appointing Laurie Engel as TACO for the 2022
- 22:39 Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing (HGAC)
- 22:40 Confirming the appointment of a Public Agency Compliance Officer in Accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code's Requirements
- 22:41 Authorizing Animal Cruelty Agreement with Bergen County
- 22:42 Establishing Petty Cash for the Borough
- 22:43 Adopting A Form Required To Be Used For The Filing Of Notices Of Tort Claims

XVII. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS

Board of Health:

Angie Alberti - 3 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2024
Suzanne Soliman - 3 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2024
Barbara Fanelli - 3 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2024
Kerri Congiusti - 3 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2024
Debbie Whalen (Board Secretary/Registrar) - 3 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2024
Sam Park – Alternate I – 2 Yr. Filling Unexpired Term Expires 12/31/2022
Marjorie Scott – Alternate II – 2 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2023

Recreation Committee:

Frank Fanelli 3 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2024

Historic Preservation Committee: 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/2022

David Elling Marjorie Scott James Elling
Brigitha Tracy Richard Williams

Green Team Committee: 1 Yr. Terms Expires 12/31/2022

Mayor James Barsa	David Hausmann
Annie Hausmann	Richard Buginsky (borough hall representative)
Anthony Foschino	Eric Schuck (DPW / Recycling representative)
Joanna Kao	Michael Congiusti (FD representative)
Jonathan Zipper	Sal Russino (PD representative)
Paul Haberman	Christopher Barron (EMS representative)
Barbara Vanderbeck)	

Shade Tree Committee: 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/2022

David Elling	Tony Foschino
Doug Hahn	Harsha Patel
Robert Tracy	Kevin Fischer

Grant Writing Committee: 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/2022

Mayor Jim Barsa	Councilwoman Hausmann
Councilman Kim	Angie Alberti
Michael Neglia	Jordan Padovano

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/2022

Mayor Barsa	Janet D'Ercole
Councilman Ascolese	John Jost
Martha Kleinlaut	Barbara Vanderbeck
Paul Elenio	

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Christopher Deschler
Paul Haberman Alt II

4 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2025
2 Yr. Term Expires 12/31/2023

Special Patrolmen:
Class I

Christopher Campo
Richard Sposa
Tom Tracy
Matthew Dottino

Police Clerk/Matron:
JoAnn Voccola

Police Physician:
Park Medical Group

Towing Services:
D.T.R. Towing LLC
DeMauro Towing, Inc
Emerson Towing Inc
NorthStar Towing
Rich's Automotive

Bureau of Fire Safety Inspectors:
William McGuire Kenny Sheppard

Crossing Guards for 2022

Alice McCausland
Michael Cheringal
Robert Kuenzler
Larry Grassi
Lisa Kurtz
Barbara Latinis

Joe Diore
Onofrio Savino
Alice Sposa
Paul Weigartner
Robert Wojcik
Rita Paton

Alternates:

Robert Canas
Linda Dudzienski
Michael Sullivan
Marlene Westhelle

Superintendent of Roads
Mike Neglia

XVII.I. COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Finance

Rooney (Chair)

Kim

Ascolese

Personnel

Ascolese (Chair)

Brizzolara

Rooney

Property/Zoning

Brizzolara (Chair)

Kim (Construction)

Ascolese (Planning Board)

Public Health

Hausmann (Chair)

Brizzolara

Ascolese

Public Safety

Ascolese (Police)

Rooney (Fire)

Foschino (EMS)

Public Utilities

Brizzolara (Chair)

Rooney

Kim

Public Works

Foschino (Chair)

Hausmann

Rooney

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mayoral appointments to various boards and committees and the Council committee assignments. Councilman Ascolese seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

- I. Mayor Barsa offers the following appointments not subject to council approval:

Planning Board:

Gino Tessaro,	Class II, Term Expires	12/31/2022
Joseph Ascolese,	Class III, Term Expires	12/31/2022
VACANT	Class IV, Term Expires	12/31/2025
VACANT	Alt 2 Term Expires	12/31/2021

Environmental Commission:

Tim Luby	3 Yr. Term Expires	12/31/2024
Karin Rosenthal	3 Yr. Term Expires	12/31/2024
Siddhi Samant Alt II	2 Yr. Term Expires	12/31/2023

Mayor Barsa made his appointments to the Planning Board, Environmental Committee and Council liaison appointments.

- II. Mayor Barsa to announce his Liaison Appointments for 2022:

Board of Education.....	Kim
Board of Health	Hausmann
Community Development	Hausmann
Environmental Commission	Hausmann
Greenway Trail	Kim
Historic Preservation	Rooney
Library	Kim
Recreation.....	Barsa
Seniors	Ascolese
Senior Advisory Board	Ascolese
Shade Tree.....	Foschino

COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Councilman Kim had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Hausmann wanted to ensure that the dog park / Kennedy field playground are discussed at the next work session. Also, there should be a discussion regarding sidewalks and crosswalks on Tappan and Piermont roads.

Councilman Rooney reported nothing major to report. There is work being done on the fire truck.

Council President Foschino wants to make sure we get the resident's opinion on the issue of installing sidewalks on Tappan Road. The DPW did a great job with the ice storm recently. No report from EMS. The Ambulance was ordered. I appreciate all the support for Council President. The DPW has a second employee out with COVID.

Councilman Ascolese wished everyone a healthy and happy 2022.

Councilman Brizzolara wanted to express his pleasure serving with Councilman Ascolese and offered his congratulations and support to Council President Foschino

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Ascolese made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Councilwoman Hausmann seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Nancy Congiusti, 195 Livingston Street said she wanted to make sure the Kennedy Park playground project was still being discussed and mentioned that she hasn't heard any updates. The Mayor instructed Mike Neglia to follow up with any grant progress.

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Councilman Ascolese seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Hausmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Brizzolara seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.