

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK/EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 23, 2022
7:00 PM

MAYOR BARSÀ	
COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE	COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOSCHINO	COUNCILWOMAN HAUSMANN
COUNCILMAN KIM	COUNCILMAN ROONEY

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 7:05 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	Absent
	Councilwoman Hausmann	Present
	Councilman Kim	Present
	Councilman Rooney	Absent

The mayor spoke about the history of grant writing in Norwood. He feels that it is time to decide and recommends the hiring of Bruno and Associates.

The mayor also said that the Borough has received approval from NJDEP to construct the dog park. The next step is to meet with our CFO to discuss appropriating funds and then we will be able to confirm the design and send the project out to bid.

The mayor then explained that the Northern Valley Greenway Project is a proposed linear park that would start in Northvale and continue through Norwood, Closter, Demarest, Cresskill, and Tenafly consisting of walking paths, bike paths, picnic areas, other spaces that will provide a place for our residents to enjoy the outdoors. It would be constructed along 8 miles of unused CSX tracks. The mayor felt it was necessary to arrange a meeting with Congressman Gottheimer and his Deputy Chief

of Staff, along with the mayors from the five other municipalities, to discuss the light rail and to also keep the Greenway Project moving forward.

The mayor explained that earlier this month, Norwood Borough Administrator, Jordan Padovano, took part in a meeting hosted by the Port Authority and FAA regarding the upcoming construction of a runway at Teterboro Airport. The construction, which is scheduled to start in April, is projected to take about a year. Due to this construction, flight patterns will be changing, and we will see more air traffic over our area. The phone numbers and web address will be posted on our website and Borough Facebook pages if a resident would like to make any noise complaints to the FAA.

Mayor Barsa announced that yard waste pick up will begin on Monday, April 4th. Free yard waste bags are available for residents at the Clerk's office and will also be available at the DPW Project Clean and Green event.

It was also announced that summer Camp registration is open.

The mayor stated that this past Saturday the 7th grade boys won the Bergen Travel Basketball Army Division Championship Game. It was a close game throughout, but they pulled through and beat Emerson 73-63.

And lastly, the fire department will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt at Kennedy Field on Sunday, April 3rd at 1:30pm.

It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann to hire Bruno Associates as the Borough's grant writer. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa appointed Councilman Ascolese to work with Bruno Associates on behalf of the borough.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

1. Ordinance 2022:02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 245 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood to Establish New Dates Regarding the Issuance of Retail Food Establishment Licenses by the Norwood Board of Health

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara

and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to approve Ordinance 2022:02. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ascolese, Brizzolara, Hausmann, and Kim

Absent: Council President Foschino, and Councilman Rooney

Nays: None

There being six (4) ayes and no nays Ordinance 2022:02 was approved.

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

2. Ordinance 2022:03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 199 to Establish Stormwater Management Requirements and Controls for Major Developments

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann to approve Ordinance 2022:03. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ascolese, Brizzolara, Hausmann, and Kim

Absent: Council President Foschino, and Councilman Rooney

Nays: None

There being six (4) ayes and no nays Ordinance 2022:02 was approved.

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:

March 9, 2022, Mayor & Council Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2022:72 Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Recycling Trust Fund

2022:73 Authoring Mayor and Council to Enter into Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Kennedy Park and ADA Restroom Improvements
2022:74 Approval of Change Order for 2020 Municipal Road Program
2022:75 Approving Construction Management Services Proposal for Knickerbocker Baseball Field Improvements Project
2022:76 Payment of Vouchers

Approval of Resolutions 2022:72 through 2022:76 and approval of the March 9, 2022 Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes was motioned by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Council President Foschino arrived in person to the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Hiring of Additional DPW Laborers:

Councilman Brizzolara feels that it is important that the entire borough uses the same policies and procedures when it comes to job openings, specifically the advertising for job openings. There was a discussion held among the council over the type of job and the length of employment. Borough Administrator / Clerk stated that he will advertise for both DPW job openings and the proper channels will be followed.

Borough Administrator Report:

Borough Administrator / Clerk Padovano reported that there will be low flying planes over the borough for the next year while Teterboro is doing runway work. The hotline to call for noise complaints will be on the borough's website and Facebook. Borough Administrator / Clerk Padovano stated that the DPW in conjunction with the County shredding event will be hosting Project Clean and Green on May 21st at Kennedy Field.

Borough Attorney Report:

There is an issue with the Jones' property regarding waste areas and catch basin clean outs. Gino and attorney for the Jones' property were spoken to. The attorney also mentioned that there is a potential issue with a board of health license in town.

Borough Engineer Report:

Michael Neglia reported that the Blanch Ave bridge is open but Verizon is still doing work so they will be closing one lane during the day. The bridge is still navigable from either side. The bridge will be fully open during the weekends and during the evening hours. The DEP permits have arrived for the dog park. The knickerbocker field contractor is dropping off

supplies this week. The recreation teams should be made aware. The DPW removed and will be installing the concrete pads for the new dugouts. By having the DPW do this work, the town is saving roughly \$40,000. We will be trying to improve the grading on the field by the back of the Borough Hall building closer to walnut St.

Michael Neglia then offered insight into each engineering project that is featured on the capital improvement wish list.

Mayor Barsa feels that the budget can be introduced on April 13th at the next mayor and council meeting.

APPOINTMENT

The mayor made an appointment to the Recreation Committee. He nominated Matt Alberti as an “at large member” with a term expiring on 12/31/2024. Motion by Councilman Brizzolara and second by Councilwoman Hausmann. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara. All councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese. All councilmembers present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk