

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING & WORK SESSION
July 10, 2024
7:00 PM
MAYOR BARSÀ

COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE	COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILMAN CONDOLEO	COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO
COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAUSMANN	COUNCILMAN KIM

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

Mayor Barsa welcomed Norwood Public School student Olivia Makofsky to the meeting as Mayor for a Day.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 OF THE COUNCIL

Roll Call:	Mayor Barsa	Present
	Councilman Ascolese	Present
	Councilman Brizzolara	Present
	Council Condoleo	Present
	Councilman Foschino	Present
	Council President Hausmann	Present
	Councilman Kim	Absent

MAYOR’S OPENING REMARKS:

Our annual July 4th fireworks celebration was another huge success. Norwood is known for its enormous display, and it is my privilege to celebrate the birth of our nation with our residents. Thank you to our DPW, Police Department, and volunteer emergency services for their help with the celebration.

Our new Kennedy Field playground is moving along, though there has been an unforeseen setback with the next step, equipment installation. The old equipment was removed to prepare the area for the installation of the new equipment with the understanding that the new equipment would arrive in June. The new equipment is on backorder. We are hopeful the equipment will be delivered to the contractor by September. Once the equipment arrives, we will have a better idea of an installation timeline.

We will once again be holding a blood drive to help the American Red Cross replenish its supply. The American Red Cross will be at the community center on Wednesday, July 24th, from 2pm-7pm. Registrations are recommended. The link can be found on our Borough website and Facebook page.

The mobile DMV unit will be at the community center on July 25th from 10am to 2pm. All services, with the exception of a Real ID, are walk up. If you would like to obtain a Real ID, please make an appointment using the link on our website and Facebook page.

Our annual Senior Citizen Appreciation picnic will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at Kennedy Field. The picnic will begin at 11am. All residents 65 years old and above are welcome to attend.

PRESENTATION

Bocchino Street Sign Dedication

Mayor Barsa welcomed the Bocchino and thanked them for being a part of the Street Sign Dedication Program and said it's long time families that help to build small towns. Councilman Foschino gave a brief background on the Bocchino family and their many contributions to Norwood.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 2024:04 Amending Chapter 199 of the Borough Code to Establish Minimum Stormwater Management Requirements and Controls

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024:04 will be on August 7, 2024

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Brizzolara, second by Councilman Foschino, that Ordinance 2024:04 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on August 7, 2024.

Roll Call

Aye: Councilmembers Ascolese, Brizzoalra, Condoleo, Foschino, Hausmann
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent: Councilman Kim

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 2024:08 Establishing Salaries or Wages of Officials and Employees of the Borough of Norwood

This ordinance was removed from the agenda due to a clerical error.

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:

June 12, 2024, Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 2024:133 Resolution Approving the Reappointment of Jordan Padovano as Borough Clerk
- 2024:134 Resolution Approving the Salary Increase for Summer Camp Employee Monique Howe
- 2024:135 Resolution Authorizing Summer Hours for DPW Employees
- 2024:136 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Zachary Smith for Part-Time DPW Employment
- 2024:137 Resolution Approving the Hiring of Summer Camp Counselors
- 2024:138 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Appeals of Doris E. Mortman
- 2024:139 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a FY25 Municipal Aid Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Summit Street
- 2024:140 Resolution Authorizing Neglia Engineering Associates for the Advertisement for Receipt of Bids for Walnut Street Improvements
- 2024:141 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Norwood, the Norwood Board of Education, and the Northern Valley Regional High School Board of Education
- 2024:142 Resolution Authorizing the Agreement for the Renewal of an Agreement

for the Resale of Gasoline Fuel As Part of a Commodity Resale System
2024:143 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a FY25 Municipal Aid
Application 2025 MA-2025-Summit Street Improvements
2024:144 Appointment of Marjorie Scott to Full Board of Health Member
2024:145 Payment of Vouchers

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Council President Condoleo to approve the Consent Agenda, and that the June 12, 2024 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

IWS Garbage Contract Extension

Mayor Barsa informed the governing body that the garbage contract has expired and there is an option for a one (1) year extension. Mayor Barsa feels that the extension is a good option and recommended that it be approved.

It was moved by Councilwoman Hausmann and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara to approve the one (1) year extension of the garbage contract with IWS. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Recommendation by the Recreation Committee to Form an Exploratory Committee for a Borough Recreation Center

Mayor Barsa informed the Council that a recommendation from the Recreation Committee was received requesting permission to form an exploratory committee to research the possibility of a town recreation center. Councilman Foschino said members of the Recreation Committee, Gene Huelster, Stephen Whaley, and Kevin Wilson have asked to be allowed to gather information about locations and logistics of a town recreation center. There is also the option to partner with a surround town or towns if they are interested. Councilman Brizzolara suggested looking into the area of the swim club and using the pool as the focal point. Mayor Barsa agreed with that suggestion, also noting that the pickleball courts will be in that area. The governing body agreed to allow the Recreation committee to form an exploratory committee to research a town recreation center.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich advised the governing body that a change order is needed for the Demaret Street drainage improvement project. This will allow Belgium block curbing to be installed on the western side of Demarest and will cost about

\$18,000.00. Mayor Barsa advised that there is money in the 2023 capital that can cover this cost.

It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara to approve the change order for the Demarest Street drainage improvements. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Loverich also informed the governing body that the survey and engineering design for the High Street and Summit Street improvements has been submitted to DOT for approval. They hope to go out to bid for this project in about two (2) weeks.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Corrison informed the Mayor and Council that the Borough's existing tree ordinance has been sent to DEP for approval or comments.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

Mr. Padovano stated that the Borough completed the mandatory JIF cyber security training before the due date. He also stated that all financial disclosures were completed before fines were to be issued. Mr. Padovano advised that all liquor licenses have been approved by the State. Mr. Padovano read the required paragraph from the Borough's Bond Counsel regarding the issuance of a bond anticipation note "We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of an #8,727,000 Bond Anticipation Note (the Note) by the Borough of Norwood, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in the County of Bergen (the Borough). The Note is dated July 12, 2024, is payable July 11, 2025, bears interest from its date at the rate of 4.50% per annum, payable at maturity and is numbered 24-1R.". Lastly, Mr. Padovano thanked the Mayor and Council, Borough employees, Neglia Engineering, Kevin Corrison, and the Norwood Fire Department for the outpouring of condolences for his recent loss.

Mayor Barsa made appointments to the Environmental Commission. Ms. Michaela Redden was moved to a full member, Ms. Deirdre Kessler was moved to the alternate one (1) position, and Mr. Robert Westhelle was appointed to the alternate two (2) position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hausmann

Councilwoman Hausmann advised that the Board of Health does not meet in July and August.

Councilwoman Hausmann informed the governing body that the next community garden day is scheduled for July 27th at 9:30am.

The fire department was denied the Firehouse Subs grant but can reapply at a later date.

Councilman Ascolese

Councilman Ascolese advised that the June police report has been received. He also noted he attended the Seniors business meeting and a Personnel Committee meeting.

Councilman Foschino

Councilman Foschino advised that the registrations for football, cheer and soccer are currently open.

The fire department is in the process of having the vehicle that was received from the Police Department lettered and it will be on the road in about two (2) weeks. This will be the Assistant Chiefs car.

Councilman Foschino informed the governing body that he received an email from the shop steward concerning overtime pay. As this is a matter for closed session, he requested it be listed as such in the August agenda.

Councilman Foschino supplied the governing body with three (3) drawings for updated signs welcoming motorists to Norwood. He would like this listed as a discussion item on the August agenda.

Lastly, Councilman Foschino thanked the DPW for their work with the fireworks and for keeping Kennedy Field looking great.

Councilman Brizzolara

Councilman Brizzolara advised that there have been no complaints regarding the roadwork on Livingston Street.

Councilman Brizzolara also stated that there will be a Planning Board meeting on July 17th to discuss a proposed forty (40) unit multi-family building on the corner of Livingston and Broadway at the former Bank of America location.

Council President Condoleo

Councilman Condoleo advised that EMS is in possession of the new ambulance and it will be on the road in the coming weeks. Once the new ambulance is on the road, the International will be retired. Chief Barron advised that the Palisades Interstate EMS would like to purchase the International for \$500.00. The governing body

decided to first go to auction with the International, setting a reserve, to hopefully receive more than \$500.00.

Councilman Condoleo noted the Borough has not yet received the rent check from the swim club. Mr. Padovano said the swim club is still reviewing the proposed lease. The lease states the rent is to be paid by October 1st. He will contact the Board for a status update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese. All council members present approved the motion.

There was no one present who wished to speak.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Council President Condoleo. All council members present approved the motion.

CLOSED SESSION

2024:147 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to Proceed in
Closed Session – Matters Relating to Employment

Motion by Council President Condoleo, second by Councilman Ascolese, and unanimously agreed that 2024:147 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session – Matters Relating to Employment be approved. The meeting was temporarily adjourned to Closed Session at 7:51 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open at 7:59pm

Motion by Councilman Foschino and second by Councilwoman Hausmann to appoint Det. Perry Duelfer to the position of Sergeant for the Norwood Police Department. All council members present approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded Council President Condoleo and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara. All council members present approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk