

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023
7:00 PM
MAYOR BARSА

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

CALL TO ORDER

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 7:01 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 Condoleo	Present
	Councilman Foschino	Present
	Councilwoman Hausmann	Present
	Councilman Kim	Present

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Department February Fee Log
Norwood Fire Department February Report
Grant Writer February Report
Police Chief February Report
Neglia Engineering February Report

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Brizzolara, second by Council President Condoleo, that Ordinance 2024:04 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on March 27, 2024.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Brizzolara, Condoleo, Foschino, Hausmann, Kim

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2024:05 Amending Chapter 200 of the Borough Code to Establish Privately-Owned Salt Storage Controls

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Council President Condoleo, second by Councilman Ascolese, that Ordinance 2024:05 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on March 27, 2024.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Brizzolara, Condoleo, Foschino, Hausmann, Kim

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

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:

February 28, 2024, Mayor & Council Meeting

February 28, 2024, Mayor & Council Meeting Closed Session

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2024:70 Resolution Authorizing Escrow Refund 216 Summit

2024:71 Payment of Vouchers

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to approve the Consent Agenda and that the 02/28/2024 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes be approved for content and release and that the 02/28/2024 Mayor & Council closed session minutes be approved for content. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Hausmann:

Councilwoman Hausmann mentioned that the board of health discussed some ideas for downtown food vendors in Norwood, as well as ideas for events in town. She also updated the council that the nurse visited Foxhill and the senior center.

Councilwoman Hausmann mentioned that there will be an event at the community garden on March 23 and all residents are invited to attend.

Councilwoman Hausmann stated that a grant was applied for to help obtain a pickleball court for Norwood. 2 new grants are being fleshed out with Foxhill and the Environmental Commission. Another grant is being looked at for a Styrofoam disposal day for Norwood.

Councilman Condoleo:

Council President Condoleo stated that the 2024 budget is currently in the initial phases of preparation and are awaiting updates from the CFO and Administrator.

Council President Condoleo also mentioned that there he is still having initial discussions with Northvale for a shared ambulance service.

Councilman Ascolese

Councilman Ascolese explained that he attended the Norwood Seniors meeting. Also, there is a scheduled personnel committee meeting this month.

Councilman Anthony Foschino:

Councilman Foschino stated that the fire department report is available for review.

Councilman Foschino also mentioned that there is no report from recreation this meeting.

Councilman Foschino stated that the turf blankets were removed from the Trackside field. Snow equipment has been put in storage.

John Kuder, our OEM coordinator, reported to the DPW that he has received clearance to have a helicopter land on the field in an emergency.

Councilman Foschino announced that the DPW will be extending the community garden towards South Street.

Councilman Brizzolara:

Councilman Brizzolara stated that there is a new coffee café opening at 455 Livingston Street as well as an eyeglass store, which means that location is filled with stores. Also under construction at 520 Livingston street is a new hair/nail salon. Councilman Brizzolara mentioned that last Friday, News Channel 12 showcased 4 business in Norwood.

Councilman Brizzolara announced that the construction office is making a move towards electronic permitting.

Mayor Barsa:

Mayor Barsa stated that last Friday, in the early morning hours, News Channel 12 came to Norwood and filmed 6 live segments on our flourishing downtown area. Livingston Street was chosen to be highlighted due to the growth and influx of new establishments.

Fantastic Foods and Flavors, Mindys Munchies, 86 & Vine, and Tasting Notes were all featured as part of the News Channel 12 Main Street segment. If someone missed it live, or would like to watch it again, it can be found from clicking the link on the Borough website and Facebook page.

Lastly, Mayor Barsa stated that each year Girl Scout Week takes place in early March. The week will always include March 12th, the day the first Girl Scout troop was organized. During Girl Scout week we honor the values of courage, confidence, and character of troop members of all levels. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for their contributions to the Borough and for instilling these values in girls of all ages.

Councilman Kim:

Councilman Kim explained teacher and staff member of the year awards were awarded. He also stated that there is a 3.6% increase in the operating budget for the school.

Councilman Kim mentioned that the library is keeping up with their Instagram account and is also working on obtaining more Korean language books, which are very popular.

Lastly, Councilman Kim stated that the Greenway has been active.

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 Brizzolara. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

Dominick Congiusti – 195 Livingston Street – Mr. Congiusti, on behalf of the Norwood fire company, thanked retiring Chief Jeffrey Krapels for all he has done to support the fire department during his tenure with the borough.

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

CLOSED SESSION

2024-72 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to Proceed in
Closed Session – Matters Relating to Employment

Motion by Councilman Foschino, second by Councilman Brizzolara, and unanimously agreed that 2023:72 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session – Matters Relating to Employment be approved. The meeting temporarily adjourned to Closed Session at 7:20 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open at 8:08pm

Motion by Councilman Ascolese, second by Councilman Foschino, and unanimously agreed by the council to approve the mayor's appointment of Christian Federici to Norwood Police Chief, immediately following the retirement of the current police chief Jeffrey Krapels, effective April 1, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded Councilman Foschino and seconded by Council President Condoleo. All councilmembers present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano

Borough Clerk