

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
May 11, 2023
7:00 PM
MAYOR BARSA

COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE	COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILMAN CONDOLEO	COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO
COUNCIL PRESIDENT 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 7:05 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 OF THE COUNCIL

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Department April Fee Log
Norwood Police Department April Report

PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTION:

1. Resolution 2023:102 Authorizing Submission of A 2023 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Grant Application

It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Council President Hausmann to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this resolution. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Condoleo to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Condoleo to approve Resolution 2023:102.

On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Council President Hausmann, and Councilmembers Ascolese, Condoleo, and Foschino

Absent: Brizzolara, Kim

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays Resolution 2023:102 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:

April 26, 2023, Mayor & Council Meeting

April 26, 2023, Mayor & Council Closed Session Minutes

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2023:100 Designating Official Depositories of The Borough of Norwood

2023:101 Resolution to Permit Budget to Be Read by Title

2023:102 Authorizing Submission of A 2023 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund
Municipal Park Improvement Grant Application

2023:103 Payment of Vouchers

2023:104 Refund of Escrow

Councilman Foschino abstained from Resolution 2023:104 as his company has been contracted to do work for the applicant.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE:

1. Ordinance 2023:07 To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

It was moved by Council President Hausmann 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 Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Foschino to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Foschino to approve Ordinance 2023:07.

On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Council President Hausmann, and Councilmembers Ascolese, Condoleo, and Foschino

Absent: Brizzolara, Kim

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays Ordinance 2023:07 was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 2023:08 An Ordinance Establishing Salaries or Wages of Officials and Employees of the Borough of Norwood

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Condoleo, second by Councilman Foschino, that Ordinance 2023:08 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on May 24th, 2023.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Condoleo, Foschino, Hausmann

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Brizzolara, Kim

Motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2023:09 An Ordinance Amending Article III Titles "Treatment of Discharges by Restaurants" In Chapter 189 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Ascolese, second by Council President Hausmann, that Ordinance 2023:09 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on May 24th, 2023.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Condoleo, Foschino, Hausmann

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Brizzolara, Kim

Motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2023:10 Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery, New Communication And Signal Systems Equipment, New Information Technology Equipment And New Automotive Vehicles, Including Original Apparatus And Equipment, In, By And For The Borough Of Norwood, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$1,751,490 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Ascolese, second by Councilman Condoleo, that Ordinance 2023:10 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on May 24th, 2023.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Condoleo, Foschino, Hausmann

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Brizzolara, Kim

Motion carried.

At this time Councilman Foschino corrected that he needs to abstain from Resolution 2023:104 as his company has been contracted to do work for the applicant.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Barsa thanked everyone who worked on the budget, with a special thanks to Councilman Condoleo, who during his first year back on the Council worked closely with the Borough CFO and auditor to prepare a fiscally responsible budget. Mayor

Barsa also thanked the borough auditor, Steve Weilkotz, and CFO, Chris Battaglia, for their guidance throughout the process.

1. Resolution 2023:105 Adopting the 2023 Municipal Budget

It was moved by Councilman Condoleo 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 Foschino and seconded by Council President Hausmann to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Councilman Foschino and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to approve Resolution 2023:105.

On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Council President Hausmann, and Councilmembers Ascolese, Condoleo, and Foschino

Absent: Brizzolara, Kim

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays Resolution 2023:105 was approved.

Committee Reports:

Council President Hausmann:

Council President Hausmann reported that the Board of Health is looking to streamline the CO inspection process by creating a checklist for all new restaurants and food service business that would have to be completed before the final inspection can take place.

Council President Hausmann reported that the Valley Program grew peppers, basil, tomatoes, and flowers for the community garden to use in the community beds. The Environmental Commission will be planting at the community garden on Friday at 5pm and again over the weekend.

Council President Hausmann informed the Council that the June Environmental Commission meeting will mainly focus on the tree ordinance, and she would like all council members to review the proposed ordinance and give feedback. After reviewing the minutes from the meeting where the proposed ordinance was presented, it was noted that the major concern was the cost to the residents.

Members of the Environmental Commission will be meeting with a new EV charging station vendor tomorrow to obtain a second quote. There are at least three (3) quotes

available for the EV charging stations with a strong possibility of the borough receiving at least one, if not all, of the grants.

A community clean up event has been scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 11:30am. The Environmental Commission will meet at the McClellan dead-end and clean both sides of the Fox Hill woods. They are looking to schedule a total of four (4) community clean up events from now until the end of the year.

Council President Hausmann advised that along with Mayor Barsa she attended Arbor Day at Norwood Public School. The children had a fun day planting flowers and they all brought home a sapling.

Council President Hausmann informed the governing body that the borough applied for three (3) grants and was denied for all three (3). The grants were for drainage improvements on 15th Street, Millbrook Circle, and the crosswalk at Piermont Road.

Mayor Barsa Stated these are all projects that will be a part of the 2024 Capital Improvements and will be completed next year.

Lastly, Council President Hausmann asked Mr. Padovano to set up a meeting with the grant writer to discuss a way to filter out the grants that do not apply to the borough.

Councilman Foschino commented that he would like to see an immediate fix to the guardrail on Millbrook Circle as it is a safety hazard. Mr. Neglia agreed and stated there is money in capital designated for Millbrook Circle improvements and the funds can most likely be used from that area.

Councilman Condoleo:

Councilman Condoleo thanked everyone involved in the budget process including the borough auditor, CFO, Finance Committee, and department heads. He feels the borough has a clear picture of what remains in the budget.

Councilman Ascolese:

Councilman Ascolese noted the April police report was listed under correspondence. He also advised the governing body that the Seniors have canceled their meeting that was scheduled for May 15th. The next personnel meeting is scheduled for May 18th. Councilman Ascolese asked if it would be possible to install a guardrail on Walnut Street along the brook. Many cars have misjudged that distance and have ended up in the water. Councilman Foschino suggested extending the split rail fence that is already at Kennedy Field along that area.

Councilman Foschino:

Councilman Foschino stated that this is a busy time for the DPW keeping the field maintained for the sports teams. He noted that they all look amazing and the DPW is doing a great job. Councilman Foschino also thanked Tobar, Hartman Excavating, and the Boroughs of Harrington Park and Northvale for coming together and helping to resolve a situation at the Norwood compost facility. Councilman Foschino also informed the governing body of a program Assistant Director Schuck has an interest in starting. All DPW employees would be given an iPad that must be kept with them during working hours. This would allow for better time management, as well as provide the DPW administration with GPS tracking capabilities. Due to the cost, to start, only Assistant Director Schuck will receive an iPad this year. The rest would be a 2024 capital purchase. Councilman Foschino also stated that he has spoken to Assistant Director Schuck many times since he has taken on this position, and though it has only been a few weeks he is very impressed with what he has seen. Lastly, Councilman Foschino stated that the DPW has been working at the swim club removing vines from trees and spreading and rolling one hundred twenty (120) tons of agate. The swim club requested the split rail fence that was in the parking lot be replaced, but that is not possible due to the nature of the ground.

Councilman Foschino also gave a Recreation Committee report. The baseball and softball season is underway and all teams are doing well. Registration is open for the Raiders football and cheer program. The Raiders will host their Raiders Night Out on June 11th beginning at 6pm. This event is open to all Norwood and Harrington Park children. Movie Night at Kennedy Field is tomorrow, May 12th. Night at the Museum will begin at 8pm. The Recreation Committee has asked the Mayor and Council to amended ordinance 168-14, recreation fees, to include a provision that no child will be turned away from a recreation sport, event, or activity due to not registering in time. In conclusion, Councilman Foschino advised that in the past few days he has received many phones regarding Boards wanting to change their existing by-laws. He was also told that the end of year dinner being held at the Rockleigh Country Club for one sport was \$55.00 per child and \$80 per nonathlete. This is excluding families that can not afford to celebrate at such an elaborate location.

Mayor Barsa congratulated the Borough of Rockleigh on their 100th anniversary. He also advised the Council that the Memorial Day parade will follow the normal route, beginning to line up at 10:30am and starting to walk at 11am.

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 Condoleo. 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 Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Condoleo. All council members present approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Council President Hausmann. All council members present approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk

