

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Public Meeting
June 9, 2021

MAYOR BARSA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE

COUNCILMAN ROONEY

COUNCILWOMAN HAUSMANN

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA

COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO

COUNCILMAN KIM

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.

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

All members were present at roll call.

Mayor Barsa thanked the Norwood Police Department, DPW and Fire Department for aiding in the rescue of a mother and son when their car was swept in the creek by rising waters from the storm. He also updated the residents on the status of the Blanch Avenue bridge repair and that borough hall is fully open to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is available for inspection in the Clerk's office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with the May 26th minutes removed. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to approve the May 26, 2021 minutes. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and Council agreed on a roll call vote. Councilman Rooney abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Brizzolara said there are currently 6 homes being built in town. In regards to the issue of property maintenance enforcement, he would like to see all complaints come through the construction office. He would also like to see a job description as well as checklist.

Councilman Foschino said EMS had 35 calls in May. The DPW was busy with their normally daily jobs as well as field maintenance.

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Councilman Ascolese said he received the Police Department report and it was included in the agenda packets. There will be a personnel matter to be discussed during closed session at the next work session.

Councilman Rooney thanked the Mayor and Council as well as the borough employees and volunteers for the condolences on the passing of his mother. During yesterdays storm the Fire Department responded to 12 calls.

Councilwoman Hausmann did not a Board of Health report. The Zoning Board did not meet. The Environmental Commission held their reorganization meeting and elected a Chairman and Secretary. They are looking to hold an in-person backyard composting seminar hosted by the New Jersey Compost Council. They Environmental Commission laid out a 6, 12, 18 and 24 month plan of what they would like to see done. They would also like to see enforcement of the clear cutting ordinance.

Councilman Kim said the library hired a new director and the public school had a 3rd grade teacher resign. The Greenway Project amended resolution has been submitted for review.

Mr. Corriston said he is finalizing his opinion but feel the borough will have to go out to bid for the hiring of a grant writer. He has also composed a letter for the DPW Director, or other borough employees, to give to residents who would like the borough to remove or trim trees on the right-of-way or easement. The letter advises the borough is not responsible for any tree unless the borough planted said tree. Lastly, he reminded the Council that they needed to come to a decision on the marijuana issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

There was no one in the audience who wished to speak.

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

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

Mayor Barsa thanked the Council and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buginsky, Deputy Borough Clerk