

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Public Meeting
May 12, 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.

Roll call was taken. Councilman Kim and Councilman Rooney were absent.

PROCLAMATION

Declaring May 2021 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

Mayor Barsa updated the residents on the status of the Blanch Avenue bridge, paving of Blanch Avenue, paving of Livingston, and the annual fireworks display.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Barsa advised the Council that the Northern Valley Knights are requesting use of the Kennedy Field baseball fields.

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to approve the application by the Northern Valley Knights. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Ascolese made a motion to approve the consent agenda, while removing 2021:99, 2021:107 and 2021:108. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

Councilman Brizzolara is concerned why the two members of the DPW would now be handling property maintenance when it was agreed that a part time person would be hired. He would like more discussion on the matter. Council agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Councilman Brizzolara was concerned with 2021:107 and 2021:108 and wanted to make sure everything was done correctly. Mr. Battaglia assured the Council that everything was done properly and this was a procedural issue.

Council President Ascolese made a motion to approve resolutions 2021:107 and 2021:108, authorizing a non-fair and open contract with William Falkenstern and Harper Restorations, LLC. Councilwoman Hausmann seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Foschino made a motion to open the meeting to the public for discussion on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Application – Kennedy Park Improvements. Councilman Brizzolara seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

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

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to close the meeting to the public for discussion on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Application – Kennedy Park Improvements. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jacobs gave a brief overview of the project and asked that a resolution be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to open the meeting to the public for discussion on ordinance 2021:03. Councilman Foschino seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

There was no one in the public who wished to speak on this matter.

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to close the meeting to the public for discussion on ordinance 2021:03. Council President Ascolese seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Councilwoman Hausmann made a motion to approve ordinance 2021:03. Councilman Brizzolara seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Brizzolara did not have a committee report.

Councilman Foschino did not receive a report from EMS. The new landscaping at the library is underway. The new trees have been planted at the 14th Street circle and the flag pole has been

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ordered. The drainage issue on 15th Street has been resolved. The auction of borough vehicles brought roughly \$6,000.00 into the borough.

Discussion was had regarding liaison duties and employee communication.

Councilwoman Hausmann said the Board of Health inspections of town business all had a satisfactory rating. The fee was waived for the inspection of the town pool and any food trucks that will be servicing the pool. The Zoning Board did not have a meeting. The Environmental Committee held a composting webinar that had great attendance.

Councilman Ascolese advised the Council that he received the Police Department report and was included in the agenda packets.

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

Mayor Barsa thanked the Council and adjourned the meeting.

Respectful submitted,

Richard Buginsky, Deputy Borough Clerk