

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
May 22, 2024
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 7:03 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	Absent
	Council President Condoleo	Present
	Councilman Foschino	Present
	Councilwoman Hausmann	Absent
	Councilman Kim	Present

MAYOR’S OPENING REMARKS

Please join me in congratulating our Municipal Clerk, Jordan Padovano, for being named to the Municipal Clerks Honor Roll for 2024. His professionalism and dedication to his field is unmatched.

The mobile MVC unit will be at the community center on Wednesday, June 19th, from 10am-2pm. To obtain a Real ID you must have an appointment. You can find the link to schedule your appointment on the Borough's website and Facebook page. There are no appointments needed for all the other services.

The PTO carnival will be held May 29th through June 1st. You can find me and some of our Borough employees and volunteers behind a game booth on June 1st during community night.

On Monday, May 27th, the American Legion, Post 272, will be holding its annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. Like years past, the parade will begin at 11am at the Norwood Public School, stopping at the firehouse for the ceremonial laying of the wreath, and concluding at the memorial at Kennedy Field. If there is inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held at the Norwood Fire Department.

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:

May 8, 2024, Mayor & Council Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2024:115 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment

2024:116 Resolution Approving Demarest Street Block Party

2024:117 Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare 3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Bills

2024:118 Resolution Approving the Bergen County Tree Removal Contract

2024:119 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment

2024:120 Payment of Vouchers

It was moved by Councilman Ascolese and seconded by Council President Condoleo to approve the Consent Agenda, and that the May 8, 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

Accuro Enterprises

Council President Condoleo gave background on Accuro Enterprises and a meeting he attended with Councilman Ascolese and Mr. Padovano. Accuro Enterprises is run by Jake Delorenzo, a former police chief and Mayor, along with his longtime Borough Administrator Clerk. Both are retired. They work with Administration staff to help their skillset. They would work the Administration staff for an eight (8) to ten (10) week period for a cost of \$3,500.00. During this time, they will review the Borough's policy and procedures and make comments and suggestions where help is needed.

It was moved by Councilman Foschino and seconded by Council President Condoleo to approve the services of Accuro Enterprises at a cost of \$3,500.00. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Electronic Scoreboard Dedication

Mayor Barsa informed the Council of an email that was received from the Basketball Board regarding longtime President, Tom Musial. The Board would like to have the new electronic scoreboard dedicated to Mr. Musial for all his hard work and commitment to the recreation basketball program.

Mr. Padovano read the email that was received:

Per our short conversation, I wanted to discuss the idea of a plaque dedicated to Tom Musial once the new scoreboard goes up at Kennedy and if Mayor Barsa and Tom could do an unveiling together. This would be a surprise for Tom and his family as a thank you from the entire community for his 17 years of service. Tom Musial has been volunteering with Norwood Basketball since 2007, when his son Dylan was in third grade. Since then, he has also coached his twin boys David and Devon whom are now going into their sophomore year of college as well as his grandson Jayden who is currently in 9th grade. Tom has been an invaluable asset as a board member, a Rec and Travel coach and mentor to many whom have volunteered with the organization since then. From coaching the little ones beginning with our clinic program in Kindergarten to seeing them off as they finished 8th grade, he has shared his knowledge and passion with everyone he has met. His love for basketball has been passed on to his son Dominick who has been coaching Norwood basketball both at the rec and travel level since 2015, his son Dylan who is currently coaching at Drew University and his twin sons who are playing at college level and continue to volunteer their time to the program during the summer seasons. On behalf of the Norwood Basketball Board we thank Mayor Barsa and the council for their time reviewing this request and eagerly await their decision. Thank you!

Mayor Barsa said he feels Mr. Musial has done an outstanding job and supports the dedication. Councilman Ascolese asked that the governing body approve the wording of the plaque before it is ordered.

It was moved by Councilman Foschino and seconded by Councilman Ascolese to approve the dedication of the electronic scoreboard to Tom Musial, with the stipulation the governing body approves all wording on the plaque. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Padovano advised that the Primary Elections will be held on June 4th and the deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is May 28th. Mail-in ballots do not need to be mailed and can be dropped off in secure drop boxes.

Mr. Padovano also gave an update on the OPRA reform bill. This bill has passed the Senate and Assembly and now awaits approval from the Governor. He also informed the governing body that the Voters Convenience Act is in its early stages. This bill would allow residents to vote at any polling place in their town. It is pending approval in the Assembly.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Corrison stated the Mr. Brescia has resolved all tax appeal matters and he will soon have his review of the tree ordinance available for the Council.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich said the Demarest Street drainage project will soon be completed and the paving will follow shortly after. Mayor Barsa asked if curbs will be added and Mr. Loverich replied there would be curbs installed after the completion of the drainage work.

Councilman Foschino noted the paving on Hemlock Court has been completed and looks fantastic.

Council President Condoleo advised the governing body that there will be a meeting with the Library Board tomorrow.

Mayor Barsa stated that there is only one (1) flashing pedestrian sign missing from Livingston Street, at the corner of Rockland and Livingston, and he would like to see one installed.

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 Foschino. All council members present approved the motion.

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

CLOSED SESSION

2024:121 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 2024:105 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: PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open at 9:12pm

Motion by Councilman Foschino and second by Councilman Det. Amatucci to the position of Lieutenant 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 Councilman Foschino and seconded by Council President Condoleo. All council members present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk