

AGENDA
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 8, 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 7:00 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	Present
	Council Condoleo	Present
	Councilman Foschino	Present
	Council President Hausmann	Absent
	Councilman Kim	Present

MAYOR’S OPENING ADDRESS

The mayor congratulated the faculty and students at Northern Valley Old Tappan High School, which was ranked 7 out of the 10 best Bergen County public high school.

Mayor Barsa announced that on Thursday, June 1st, New Jersey Motor Vehicles will be here with a mobile unit. This is great opportunity to make an appointment for a Real ID. All other customers will be able to renew or obtain a duplicate license, obtain

a non-driver's license photo identification card, renew, or obtain duplicate registrations, obtain placards, apply for a permit examination, and surrender license plates all on a walk-up basis. More information, including the link to make an appointment for a Real ID, can be found on the borough website and Facebook page.

Throughout the month of March, Norwood will be collecting recipes for a community cookbook. You can find the recipe pages on our borough website, Facebook page or you can pick one up in the Clerk's office at Borough Hall.

Norwood will be hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, April 2, from 2pm-7pm in the community center. If anyone would like to make an appointment to donate the link can be found on our borough website and Facebook page.

This Sunday is daylight savings and it's time to spring ahead. Remember to set the clocks 1 hour ahead.

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Department February Fee Log
Norwood Police Department February Report
Norwood Fire Department February Report

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 2023:05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 168, Section 14 Titled "Fees for Recreation Programs" of the Code of the Borough of Norwood

The mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Brizzolara, second by Councilman Ascolese, that Ordinance 2023:05 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on March 22nd, 2023.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Brizzolara, Condoleo, Foschino, 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 22, 2023, Mayor & Council Meeting

March 1, 2023, Special Meeting of the Mayor & Council

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2023:71 Authorizing 2023 Appropriation Reserve Transfers

2023:72 Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment for Block 100 Lot 12.01

2023:73 Payment of Vouchers

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Condoleo to approve the Consent Agenda and that the February 22, 2023 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes and the March 1, 2023 special meeting minutes be approved for content and release. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Barsa:

Mayor Barsa explained that the PTO has requested the use of borough property for their annual carnival. The PTO wanted to add an additional night (Wednesday May 31st) to be specifically geared towards those with special needs. Councilman Foschino requested of the organization that the front lawn of borough hall no longer be used and the PTO agreed. They will also not be using the basketball courts. Motion to grant permission to the PTO was forwarded by Councilman Foschino, seconded by Councilman Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Brizzolara:

Councilman Brizzolara announced that 86 & Vine Wine & Cocktail Parlor will be opening on Tuesday March 14th.

He gave the following report for Council President Hausmann while she was out of the country:

The Environmental Commission met on February 21st and discussed the following items: Planning for another big year at the Community Garden, including expanding access to plots with ADA access, a bench and picnic table for the garden are being ordered, the commission is going to get back to working on the tree preservation ordinance, Working to revisit electric vehicle charging ports, and the budget for the commission was discussed and shared with the Councilman Condoleo.

The Bergen County REHS reviewed the February Report. Board of Health Secretary reported on vital statistics, income and licensing for February. Chairwoman Incognito Fanelli told the Board Members that Jordan Padovano put together a great calendar of events for the Mayor's Wellness Initiative and asked the Board to show support by attending the programs. The Board of Health discussed ways with Suzanne Soliman to get families needing support for child health care in touch with the program we currently contract with Hillsdale Board of Health. Debbie Whalen asked for an approval vote to obtain a membership for the Board Members for 2023 for the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association.

Councilman Kim:

Councilman Kim explained that the Greenway committee has been moving forward with websites to help advertise their mission online. Councilman Kim announced that the school's transportation budget increased by 2 million dollars. The school is trying their best to cut expenditure to help offset this increase. The school is also looking into working the Muslim celebration of Eid into the school curriculum and to help celebrate the holiday.

The various problems at the library have been fixed including new doors that were installed. The Korean book club program is very popular and the library will be creating more programs this year.

A discussion was held among council as to why the high increase in transportation costs for the school.

Councilman Anthony Foschino:

Councilman Foschino announced that the county needed to change the date for the shredding event. The new date will be Saturday, June 3rd. Project Clean and Green will also be held on this date. Councilman Foschino stated that work has begun on replacing the fencing around field 3, which is the softball field directly behind borough hall. The work will be completed before the start of the softball season. Also, the DPW rebuilt 3 catch basins and by keeping this work in house Norwood DPW saved the borough roughly \$12,000.00. Norwood will be billing the county \$2,300.00 for the DPW plowing the county roads during the recent snowstorm. Rob Tracy will now have part time DPW workers clean the borough buildings, rather than paying a cleaning crew. Also, new pest control vendor options are being explored.

Councilman Foschino announced that the mobile fingerprint unit that was scheduled for next Wednesday has been canceled due to not enough registered applicants. If the need arises, Recreation can schedule an event for a future date. Also, summer camp

registration will open on or about April 1st. The registration form will be available online or at Borough Hall and can be returned by mail or dropped off in person to our recreation secretary.

Councilman Foschino stated that there are about 5 or 6 junior firefighters going through the academy and gear was purchased for those members. Councilman Foschino, Council President Hausmann, and Mayor Barsa met with the Fire Department's truck committee for options to replace the 1985 Hahn. Pierce and Seagrave were both brought in for quotes. Pierce came in with the lowest price at \$709,000 to replace 363. The order needs to be placed by April 1 and the company has to have a purchase order in hand by April 21st, otherwise there will be about a \$70,000 increase in price. Delivery will take about 13 months. This new addition to the fleet will last us about 15 years.

Councilman Foschino made a motion to have the clerk draft a purchasing resolution for the 2023 Pierce Pumper Engine not to exceed \$710,000 for inclusion on the next meeting's agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ascolese and in the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Condoleo:

Councilman Condoleo distributed to the rest of the council information regarding capital improvements for the planning of the new budget. Cuts in operating budgets are being made and the borough will save some of the funds from the cuts. These decreases could bring the tax increase from 3.3% to under 3%.

Councilman Ascolese

Councilman Ascolese explained that the Norwood Seniors have their activities planned for 2023. Also, there is a scheduled personnel committee meeting on March 16. Councilman Ascolese also thanked the Fire Truck Committee and the borough representatives involved.

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 Brizzolara. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

Jeffrey Krapels – 493 Rivervale Avenue

Chief Krapels stated that his office has not received any background check requests from the recreation coaches. The coaches need to start this process so they can coach successfully in 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 Condoleo. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded Councilman Foschino and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara. All councilmembers present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk