

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK/EXECUTIVE SESSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

MAYOR BARSА	
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE	COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO	COUNCILWOMAN HAUSMANN
COUNCILMAN KIM	COUNCILMAN ROONEY

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:	Mayor Barsa	Present
	Council President Ascolese	Present
	Councilman Brizzolara	Present
	Councilman Foschino	Present
	Councilwoman Hausmann	Present
	Councilman Kim	Present
	Councilman Rooney	Present

Mayor Barsa spoke about the horrific attacks in Kabul and the anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Mayor Barsa mentioned that the Immaculate Conception Church will be holding a 9/11 memorial service.

Mayor Barsa explained that Bergen County qualifies for FEMA funding as a result of Hurricane Ida. He encouraged residents effected by the storm to visit the Borough homepage or Facebook page for more details on how to apply.

The mayor updated the council regarding street paving, the Blanch Street bridge, and work being done to the fields.

The mayor gave an update on Norwood day events.

Lastly, the Mayor touched on the updated to the Borough website.

CORRESPONDENCE

The mayor stated that there are several pieces of correspondence which are available at the Municipal Clerk's office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. Mayor Barsa asked for a motion approving the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items, as well as approval of the minutes from 1/6/21, 3/17/21, 4/14/21, 6/9/21, and 8/11/21 for content and release.

Councilwoman Hausmann requested 2021:165 be removed. The mayor moved forward with the remainder of the consent agenda.

Approval of the following Resolutions:

2021:155 Appointing Det. Perry Duelfer as Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer

2021:156 Appointing E. Carter Corrison as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor

2021:157 Employment of Linda Dudzienski as Alternate Crossing Guard

2021:158 Approving Change Order No. 1 Underground Storage Tank Removal at The Borough of Norwood's Department of Public Works

2021:159 Appointing Robert Brescia as Interim Municipal Housing Liaison

2021:160 Accepting Deed for Donated Land

2021:161 Appointing Rob Brescia to Interim Tax Assessor

2021:162 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien

2021:163 Approving the Contract Between the Borough of Closter / Borough of Norwood And CMS Contracting, Inc.

2021:164 Terminating Employment of Leonard Herman

2021:166 Authorizing the Additional Hours of Christopher Jackson as Part-Time Office Assistant

It was moved by Councilman Rooney and seconded by Council President Ascolese to approve the Consent Agenda and the minutes be approved for content and release. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

2021:165 Payment of Vouchers

Councilwoman Hausmann questioned two vouchers on the bill list for work being done to the 14th street circle. The first being for Above Par Landscape for \$3,000 and the second being for Cleatus Farms Inc for \$872.08. Councilman Foschino and Councilman Rooney further explained what these costs were for and the financial procedures necessary for the purchases. Councilwoman Hausmann thanked them for the clarification.

It was moved by Councilman Rooney and seconded by Council President Ascolese to approve Resolution 2021:165. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

November 10th, 2020, Mayor and Council Minutes (Councilwoman Hausmann & Councilman Kim were not on the Council)

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara, and seconded by Council President Ascolese, and unanimously agreed (among those present at said meeting) that the 11/10/2020 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes be approved for content and release.

December 9th, 2020, Mayor and Council Minutes (Councilwoman Hausmann & Councilman Kim were not on the Council)

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara, and seconded by Council President Ascolese, and unanimously agreed (among those present at said meeting) that the 12/09/2020 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes be approved for content and release.

February 10th, 2021, Mayor and Council Minutes (Councilman Rooney was absent)

It was moved by Council President Ascolese, and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara, and unanimously agreed (among those present at said meeting) that the 02/10/2021 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes be approved for content and release.

May 12th, 2021, Mayor and Council Minutes (Councilman Rooney & Councilman Kim were absent)

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara, and seconded by Council President Ascolese, and unanimously agreed (among those present at last meeting) that the 05/12/2021 Mayor & Council Meeting minutes be approved for content and release.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Foschino: Received the EMS report for July and August 2021. July had 25 calls and August had 26 calls. 14th street circle is complete less three benches that we are waiting for the order. DPW was mobilized for Hurricane Ida and landscaping was delayed due to the storm. DPW did an amazing job with the hurricane. There is damage to the wood turtle run bridge and the county will be notified. DPW put up caution tape. Briarwood and Rockland are clear of debris from the storm.

Councilman Brizzolara: The construction at Livingston Street is coming along. The Grande is about 6 weeks away from completion and the Dabies building is about 2 weeks away. The construction office has been inundated with lots of calls having to do with flooding from Hurricane Ida.

Councilman Kim: There is nothing to report. Going forward I will be able to resume my liaison duties.

Councilwoman Hausmann: The zoning board had a meeting with a focus on the Dabies building. Additional final inspection has not been scheduled yet. A variance for the storage business on Walnut Street has been granted. There was no Board of Health meeting this month. The composting event for the Environmental Commission was postponed to March 2022 due to the rise of COVID cases. Councilwoman Hausmann also brought up the Environmental Commission's role in tree applications based on the Borough code. The Borough Administrator explained that according to the ordinance, the Mayor and Council has a right to request the involvement of the Environmental Commission in a tree application, but it is not a requirement.

Councilman Rooney: August was the Fire Department's busiest month. There were over 700 manhours logged for the FD. There were over 40 calls in 24 hours and 6 of those calls were rescue calls. Discussion held on the DPW contract negotiations.

Council President Ascolese: The August police report is available. Contract negotiations are currently underway. Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW all did an amazing job handling Hurricane Ida.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Rooney. All councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ermin Suljic - 868 Broadway: The business on the opposite side of Livingston Street has only rocks as the business's landscaping. The Borough should look at other properties in town and make sure all landscaping is in compliance with Borough code.

Mayor Barsa addressed the landscaping issue.

Ms. Cynthia LaTerra – 279 Summit: Calling on behalf of Jenni Tak who lives at 1 Jenni Lane. Several months back on June 8, there was a flood in the backyard and the property was in bad shape. Then Hurricane Ida brought much worse. The house has never flooded before this year. Wanted to report to the town what

happened and find out why the flooding occurred so badly this year. Is there anything planned to alleviate this flooding.

Mayor Barsa explained that he will have Neglia Engineering look into the recent flooding problem in Norwood and advised the resident to apply for federal grant money through FEMA.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was forwarded by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

The bank associated with the Jones subdivision hired a contractor to install the road. That should be taken care of soon and we do not have to worry about pulling the bonds.

Discussion also held on the Dabies' project. Borough Attorney Corrison mentioned that they were hoping to get a TCO soon. The Mayor and Council agreed that the Construction Code Official should be handling any processes to do with issuing a TCO and the council should and cannot get involved in any decision making.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion to come before the Council, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded by Councilman Rooney and seconded by Councilman Foschino. All councilmembers present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Padovano
Borough Clerk