

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2021
7:00 PM

MAYOR BARSÀ

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE
COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO
COUNCILMAN KIM

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILWOMAN HAUSMANN
COUNCILMAN ROONEY

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:

Statement of Compliance: 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.

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

Mayor Barsa congratulated Council President Ascolese and Councilman Brizzolara on their received re-election to the Council.

Mayor Barsa stated that Norwood was named one of the top 100 Safest Small Towns in America for 2021 by Safewise, thanks to the Norwood police officers.

Mayor Barsa stated the importance of Veterans Day this month.

The Mayor encouraged the public to visit the new borough website.

The Mayor also stated that the DPW will be picking up leaves through mid-December.

The Mayor announced that there will be a Menorah lighting on Monday November 29th at 6pm outside borough hall. He also announced that there will be a tree lighting on December 3rd at 5:30 on Livingston st.

Lastly, the Mayor wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2021:11

Ordinance 2021:11 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Titled "Police Department"

(Public hearing will be held on December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM)

The Mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion by Councilman Brizzolara, second by Councilwoman Hausmann, that Ordinance 2021:11 be introduced on first reading, with a public hearing on December 8th 2021.

Roll Call

Aye: Ascolese, Brizzolara, Foschino, Hausmann, Kim

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

The following proposed ordinances were pulled from the agenda.

~~INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2021:12~~

- ~~1. Ordinance 2021:12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98 Titled "Building Construction" The Code of The Borough of Norwood.~~

Council President Ascolese _____	Councilman Brizzolara _____
Councilman Foschino _____	Councilwoman Hausmann _____
Councilman Kim _____	Councilman Rooney _____

~~*Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021: 12 will be December 8, 2021*~~

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2021:13

- ~~1. Ordinance 2021:13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 177 Titled "Property Maintenance" Section 10 Of the Code of The Borough of Norwood.~~

Council President Ascolese _____ Councilman Brizzolara _____
Councilman Foschino _____ Councilwoman Hausmann _____
Councilman Kim _____ Councilman Rooney _____

~~Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021:13 will be December 8, 2021~~

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2021:14

~~2. Ordinance 2021:14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 181 Titled “Rental Property” The Code of The Borough of Norwood.~~

Council President Ascolese _____ Councilman Brizzolara _____
Councilman Foschino _____ Councilwoman Hausmann _____
Councilman Kim _____ Councilman Rooney _____

~~Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021:14 will be December 8, 2021~~

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 2021:09

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

Ordinance 2021:09. An Ordinance Amending Article V Titled
“Residential Zones” in Chapter 233 of the Code of the Borough
of Norwood to Adjust Accessory Building Height Requirements.

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilman Foschino to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Council President Ascolese to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Council President Ascolese to approve Ordinance 2021:09. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ascolese, Brizzolara, Foschino, Hausmann, and Kim

Absent: Rooney

Nays: None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays Ordinance 2021:09 was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Best Practices

Borough Administrator / Clerk Padovano mentioned that Norwood passed the best practices survey from the State of New Jersey with a score of 19. This score ensured that Norwood will get funding from the state.

Update from Borough Engineer

Borough Engineer Jacobs stated that the Blanch Ave drainage is progressing nicely. The culvert on Blanch Ave is gone and work is currently being done. Also the street collapse on Broadway was fixed and the road is now open.

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.

Approval of the Following Minutes:

October 27, 2021 Mayor & Council Meeting

Approval of the following resolutions:

2021:200 Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of
Norwood, And the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority

2021:201 Turnout Gear purchase resolution

2021:202 Bond Anticipation Note

2021:203 Payment of Vouchers

It was moved by Councilman Brizzolara and seconded by Councilwoman Hausmann to approve the Consent Agenda and that the 10/27/2021 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Hausmann: There was no meeting of the Zoning Board this month due to lack of applications. The Board of Health had two new appointees, Sam Park and Marjorie Scott. Congiusti and Fanelli agree to serve another three years. Within the Environmental Commission, the members have started using Trillo to communicate with each other. They are working on new program goals, planning, logo design and the clear-cutting ordinance. The hikes organized by the Environmental Commission are seeing good turnouts.

Council President Ascolese: The Chief of Police submitted his October report tonight. The council will be finalizing the police contract.

Councilman Kim: Norwood Public School congratulated Sam Park and Heather Garcia for their recent election win. Some trustees were upset that Broadway was closed on election day. They are looking for a full-time employee. They were contemplating a part timer but felt a full-time employee would be better. One trustee vacated their position. The director is resigning as well. Greenway friends are restarting negotiations and discussions which are reinvigorating the project.

Councilman Brizzolara: Livingston is looking terrific. 5 residents moved into 151 Livingston. The Grande is ready to open soon. The road is going in on the Jones' property. Building on Lamb court is starting.

Councilman Foschino: The borough received the EMS report. The Mayor and I met at the Ambulance corps and looked at the new ambulance demo. We are probably not going with that model due to supply chain issues. Five members and the chief are out of town for training. Rob Tracy and I discussed trying to rehabilitate signs, painting posts, and securing new Fire department markers for hydrants around town. Leave removal is underway. The Knickerbocker field is going out to bid soon and should be ready in the spring. The borough met with a company which installs electric vehicle charging stations. There are a lot of grant opportunities for that kind of service. Will be looking into other companies. The Mayor mentioned cones on Livingston street to help with the danger of passing cars. The boy scouts responded to our inquiry about the bridge that is down on the Wood Turtle Run hiking trail. Hopefully we can get a meeting with the boy scouts soon to discuss it further. Tonight, we will hopefully finalize the DPW contract. Also, we are looking into putting up secondary street signs above the regular street signs to help commemorate and honor long time families or residents of the borough.

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 Councilwoman Hausmann. All councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion.

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.

CLOSED SESSION

2021:204 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Council to proceed in
Closed Session – Contract Negotiations

Motion by Councilwoman Hausmann, second by Councilman Foschino, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2021:204 be approved. The meeting temporarily adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 PM.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:37 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN

2021:205 Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Borough of Norwood and IBT Local 125 for the Term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025

It was moved by Councilwoman Hausmann and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara to approve the Resolution 2021:205. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

2021:206 Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Borough of Norwood and the Norwood Police Benevolent Association Local 233 for the Years 2022 Through 2026

It was moved by Councilman Foschino and seconded by Council President Ascolese to approve the Resolution 2021:206. In the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion to come before the Council, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was forwarded by Council President Ascolese and seconded by Councilman Brizzolara. All councilmembers present approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:44PM.