MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
PUBLIC MEETING
June 4, 2008

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 8:10 PM.

Mayor Barsa led the Council and 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 Press Journal, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk's office and posting on the bulletin board."

Roll Call:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Brizzolara	Absent
Councilman Knigin	Absent
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Guercio	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Absent
Councilman Condoleo	Present

Also Present:

Patrick A. Ascolese	Borough Attorney
Michael Neglia	Borough Engineer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits and requested that all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Guercio to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaney, 193 Somerset Road presented the Mayor and Council with a letter and pictures of their property (Attachment "A"). They are requesting permission to encroach into the Borough right-of-way to erect an above ground swimming pool. After a brief discussion, regarding the use of the Borough right-of-way and how much property is owned by the Borough,

Public Comment Continued:

Mayor Barsa suggested that the Heaney's contact a licensed land surveyor to prepare a survey of their property showing the pool and setbacks and have Mr. Renaud, Construction Official review it.

No other member of the public wished to be heard; a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Proclamations/Presentations:

Mayor Barsa read a Certificate of Appreciation for Mrs. Eleanor Ludwig who is retiring from the Norwood Police Department where she served as a crossing guard for the past 32 years. Mayor Barsa thanked Mrs. Ludwig for her many years of service to the community and its children. Mayor Barsa presented Mrs. Ludwig with a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Al Butti and Mr. Tony Gangieri presented Mrs. Ludwig with a bouquet of roses from the crossing guards.

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

Flag Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress of the United States dated June 14, 1777, the first official Flag of the United States was adopted; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14th of each year was designated "national Flag Week"; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1982 the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE on Flag Day, June 14th.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress Public Law 99-54 was passed to have the PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day celebrates our Nation's symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our Country's devotion to freedom, to rule of all, and to equal rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, do hereby proclaim

JUNE 14, 2008
As
FLAG DAY

and urge all citizens of the Borough to pause at 7:00 PM on this date for the twenty-sixth annual PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag and join all Americans in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.

Scleroderma Awareness Month

WHEREAS Scleroderma is a chronic, degenerative autoimmune disease that predominantly affects women in the prime of their lives, but impacts children and men as well; and

WHEREAS Autoimmune diseases including Scleroderma are one of the top four causes of disability of women over fifteen and under age sixty-five; and

WHEREAS It can take three or more years for an individual to be diagnosed and receive appropriate treatment, leading to higher medical costs and government spending; and

WHEREAS There is more hope for those with Scleroderma to live a normal life today than there was five years ago due to the development of medications and ongoing clinical trials; and

WHEREAS The month of June has been designated national Scleroderma Awareness Month, with patient education, patient support and research the three-fold mission of the Scleroderma foundation, Tri-State Chapter (covering New York, New Jersey and Connecticut).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, James P. Barsa, do hereby proclaim June 2008 as SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH in the Borough of Norwood, and urge all employees and residents to participate in our Borough's effort to become better educated on the subject of Scleroderma.

Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is a neuro-muscular disease striking children and adults, affecting control of voluntary muscles and afflicting several hundred of our fellow New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of this disorder include, but are not limited to, difficulty moving, breathing, swallowing, speaking and seeing; and

WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis foundation of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded "to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by myasthenia gravis and closely related disorders, and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy, and patient care;" and

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is the most common neuromuscular disorder affecting the residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the many physicians who demonstrate an untiring effort to treat this disease and search for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2008 as MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. A letter from Mrs. Eleanor Ludwig announcing her retirement from the Norwood Police Department as a crossing guard.
2. A thank you letter from Inter-Religious Fellowship for Norwood's support in the 15th Annual Bike Bergen County
3. A letter from Dennis McNerney, County Executive announcing the approval of two grants for the Borough of Norwood
4. A copy of a letter sent to Mr. Carl Roe, Principal Engineer for CSX Transportation from Senator Cardinale regarding the Borough's preliminary engineering agreement with regards to the wayside horns.

Mayor Barsa informed that anyone wishing a copy of the correspondence could request it from the Borough Clerk.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. No Council Member requested an item be removed. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2008 Public Meeting, April 30 and May 14, 2008 Executive/Work Session

08:104 Payment of Bills and Vouchers in the amount of $1,086,420.58
08:105 Awarding contract to Kauker & Kauker, LLC to provide professional planning services for COAH Third Round Substantive Regulations
08:106 Appointing Alternate Crossing Guard, Michael Cheringal
08:107 Appointing Barry Scott as Municipal Representative for Open Space Committee
08:108 Awarding a contract to Smith-Sondy Asphalt Const. Co., Inc. for Kennedy Park Field Drainage Improvements
08:109 Rejecting Bids for Kennedy Park War Memorial Improvements Site Work Contract and Authorizing Re-Bidding

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to approve the Consent Agenda. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 08:04:

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 08:04 for Council action entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.A OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 05-17) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $402,300 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED JULY 5, 2005

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance 08:04. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 08:04 was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal and the twenty-day estoppel period.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 08:05:

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 08:05 for Council action entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD REGARDING THE BOROUGH'S OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance 08:05. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Chubby Bocchino, 455 Livingston Street questioned the position being established in this ordinance. It was explained that the Borough is creating the position of Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer and Assistant CFO based on the recommendation of the CFO, Ms. Maureen Neville.

There being no other member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 08:05 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Guercio. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 08:06:

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 08:06 for Council action entitled:

> AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY" AND SETTING FORTH THE METHOD OF PAYING SALARIES AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCES AMENDING SAID ORDINANCE

It was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance 08:06. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 08:06 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Guercio. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Brizzolara:

In the absence of Mr. Brizzolara no report was given.

Councilman Knigin:

In the absence of Mr. Knigin no report was given.

Council President Scott:

Haring Cemetery:

Mr. Scott motioned, seconded by Mr. Guercio to authorize the Norwood Historic Preservation Society to restore the grave markers in the Haring Cemetery and to work in conjunction with the Environmental Commission to probe the property for additional graves. With regard to the fencing, it was further motioned that no formal decision will be made until the members of the Historic Preservation Committee, Historic Society and the residents agree on a plan. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Construction Office:

Mr. Scott read the Construction Department's Monthly Report (Attachment "B").

Committee Reports Continued:

Board of Health:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Health it was recommended that the Mayor and Council consider amending their ordinances to increase the fines charged for health violations.

Councilman Guercio:

Recreation:

Mr. Guercio informed that a Fireworks display will take place again this year on the Fourth of July at Kennedy Field. The fireworks should begin around 9:00 PM and will last approximately 1 hour.

Councilman Rapaport:

Interlocal Services Agreement:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Mayors from the Boroughs of Norwood, Northvale and Harrington Park met to discuss undertaking an interlocal services agreement for the three towns to share DPW equipment to help reduce costs.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport reviewed the Police Department Monthly Report (Attachment "C") and also informed that the Department conducted their annual "Click-It or Ticket" Campaign on May 19, 2008 and continues to enforce the "hands free cell phone" law. Mr. Rapaport praised the professionalism of the Norwood Police Department in their response to a recent breaking and entering as well as the cooperation of the Tenafly and Orangetown Police Departments. Mr. Rapaport commended the young man for his ability to remain calm and call for help.

Beautification Committee:

The Tuesday, June 17, 2008 meeting of the committee has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Councilman Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo informed that he had not received a formal report from the Fire Department.

Finance:

The Borough received $59,176 in interest on its investments at an interest rate of 2.5%. Mr. Condoleo informed that it is his understanding that the State Legislature is looking to restore 50-80% of the state aid. Mr. Condoleo suggested that the Finance Committee have one more meeting to discuss the budget and possible amendments prior to the adoption. Mr. Condoleo announced that the Borough has offered Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi a position in the Finance Department. Mr. Condoleo said that the new addition to the department was important because the Borough needs to have qualified individuals to increase efficiency and provide accurate reporting to the Mayor and Council.

General Public Comment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mr. Robert Garner, 8 Meadow Lane thanked the Mayor and Council for their consideration of the neighbors with regard to the Haring Cemetery and offered to contact contractors to get price quotes for the boundary markers.

Mr. Chubby Bocchino, 455 Livingston Street questioned the status of the Kennedy Park War Memorial bids. He was informed that the bids came in over budget and would have to be re-bid before the Borough could negotiate with a contractor.

No other member of the public wished to be heard; a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Knigin to approve Resolution 08:110 authorizing the Mayor and Council to convene into closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

At 9:10 PM the Council reconvened into open session. Mr. Rapaport moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize the Borough Administrator to offer a position of employment to Ms. Celina Tineo at an annual salary of $38,500.00. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

At 9:15 PM a motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to adjourn with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin

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