

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OF MARCH 11, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER AT 8:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR BARSA STATED:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of this meeting was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act". This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Tom Brizzolara
Councilman	Barry Scott
Council President	Anthony Guercio
Councilman	Alan Rapaport
Councilman	Ed Condoleo

ALSO PRESENT:

CFO/Treasurer	Maureen Neville
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Approval of Resolution 09:62 Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Vouchers in the amount of \$5,253,489.97:

Mayor Barsa called for a motion to approve Resolution 09:62. It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 09:62. On the roll call vote all Council Members present voted for the motion.

General Public Comment:

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Chris Mazzilli, Fire Chief requested permission to use the Borough Hall parking lot for a drill this Sunday in the morning. The drill is a simulation of a Hazmat Decontamination with approximately 6 trucks from Rockleigh, Northvale, Norwood and Harrington Park. The DPW will close the parking lot. It was moved by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Guercio to grant permission to the Fire Department to conduct the drill. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

No one else wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. The motion was carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

2009 Municipal Budget:

Mayor Barsa informed that State Aid figures should be out by Friday and it is hopeful that the Borough will not receive any additional cuts in aid. Some of the problems facing the Borough this year are the loss in revenue from the interest on our investments and construction fees and the Borough has not replenished its surplus (down by 1.7 million dollars). The Finance Committee is proposing to use \$200,000 in surplus this year to offset expenses. This may significantly increase the amount to be raised by taxation.

The Council reviewed the appropriation requests and made the following appropriation reductions:

- General Administration O/E from \$38,250 to \$35,250
- Mayor and Council O/E from \$7,000 to \$1,500
- Municipal Clerk O/E from \$16,780 to \$15,280
- Financial Administration O/E from \$22,500 to \$17,175
- Computer Data Processing O/E from \$22,100 to \$21,100
- Revenue Administration O/E from \$8,910 to \$5,760
- Fire Department O/E from \$40,079 to \$36,000

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Council agreed to hold a special budget meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to continue with their

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review. It was suggested that each Council Liaison speak with his/her the departments to review their requests. The following departments were scheduled to come before the Mayor and Council for their department' budget review:

Police Chief Krapels – 7 – 7:40 p.m.

DPW Superintendent Camilo DiRese – 7:40 – 8:20p.m.

EMS – 8:20 p.m.

There being no additional business, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to adjourn the meeting. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Lorraine McMackin, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk