BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING, MARCH 3, 2009

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 8:05 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 Press Journal, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk's office and posting on the bulletin board."

Roll Call:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Brizzolara	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Councilman Scott	Absent
Council President Guercio	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present (8:15 p.m.)

Also Present:

Andrew T. Fede	Borough Attorney
Matthew Neuls	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. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Proclamation:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamation claiming March as "Women's History Month".

Proclamation Continued:

"Women's History Month"

Whereas New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas New Jersey women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the State by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas New Jersey women have played a unique role throughout the history of the State by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the State;

Whereas New Jersey women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State;

Whereas New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

Whereas New Jersey women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history

Whereas the Department of Community Affairs, specifically the Division on Women's goals are to remember and celebrate New Jersey women and to:

- ensure that NJ women are offered equal opportunities in education, the workforce and healthcare regardless of age, sexual orientation, income, ethnicity, race or religion.
- identify, implement, measure and coordinate programs that address the needs of NJ women.
- engage in continuous study and research on issues affecting NJ women and their families, develop policy papers and legislative recommendations

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body in the Borough of Norwood, State of New Jersey, that March 2009 is designated as "Women's History Month" under the National Women History Project's 2009 theme: *Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet.*

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. A letter from Mr. Vic Tribuzio, Demarest regarding the speeding problem on Summit Street
2. A letter from Bergen County League of Municipalities regarding an upcoming seminar dealing on User Friendly Budgets and Cap Law
3. A Resolution from the Borough of Elmwood Park regarding amending binding arbitration laws in the State of New Jersey
4. A note from Mr. Fred Eichler with attachments requesting that the Borough of Norwood adopt a resolution supporting the position that Joseph McGowan should not be granted another parole hearing for a minimum of thirty-five years
5. Borough Engineer's Monthly Report

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 wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2009 Regular Public Meeting, February 17, 2009 Special Public Meeting and January 28, February 11 and February 25, 2009 Work/Executive Meetings

09:54 Approving the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Borough and Swiftreach Networks to provide 911 emergency notification system for a 12 month period at a cost of $330.00 per month

09:55 Approving an amendment to Raffle License 09:01, Holy Family Interparochial School to change the date of the raffle to March 14, 2009

09:56 Endorsing the submission of the recycling tonnage application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designating John Oddo to file the application

09:57 Encouraging the Legislature and Governor to amend the current binding interest arbitration laws to provide municipalities with a fairer and more appropriate process

09:58 Requesting a minimum of 35 years until Joseph McGowan's next parole hearing

09:59 Approving the issuance of Raffle License 09:05 to Closter PTO for a Casino Night to be held on March 20, 2009 at the Colonial Inn

09:60 Approval of redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 08-07, Block 122, Lot 3

09:61 Authorizing a refund for the overpayment of taxes in the amount of $2,544.00 to Livingston 535 Inc as part of a Tax Court Settlement

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

Public Hearing of Ordinance 09:01:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 115 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Regarding "Fees" to Establish Fees for Clothing Donation Bin Applications

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance 09:01. There being no member of

Public Hearing of Ordinance 09:01 Continued:

the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 09:01 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

Ayes:	Brizzolara, Orecchio, Guercio and Rapaport
Nays:	None
Absent:	Scott and Condoleo

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 09:01 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Brizzolara:

Utilities: Mr. Brizzolara said that he had nothing new to report regarding this. Mr. Brizzolara suggested that the Borough look into mixing calcium-chloride with the salt to melt ice when the temperature is below 20 degrees. Mr. Brizzolara recommended that Mr. DiRese contact Rockland County to see how they handle this.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Emergency Medical Services: Mrs. Orecchio informed that Norwood EMS is presently conducting their annual fund drive and encouraged all to contribute.

Council President Scott:

In the absence of Mr. Scott, no report was given.

Councilman Guercio:

DPW: Mr. Guercio commended the DPW on the excellent job they did this year in keeping the roads free from ice and snow and informed that they are busy preparing the equipment for spring cleanups.

Recreation: On behalf of the Norwood Recreation Committee, Mr. Guercio presented a rendering of the new building that houses the batting cages. Mr. Guercio requested that the picture be hung in Borough Hall. Mr. Guercio informed that the Committee is reviewing the ordinance dealing with background checks for coaches and will present their comments to the Mayor and Council at a later date.

Councilman Rapaport:

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport informed that the Police Department continues to perform their duties in a professional manner.

Personnel: Mr. Rapaport informed that two contracts expired at the end of 2008, the DPW and PBA and the committee is working on negotiating new contracts with both bargaining units.

Councilman Condoleo:

Historic Preservation Committee: Mr. Condoleo reported that the Committee made a presentation before the Mayor and Council at their last work session regarding fencing around the Haring Cemetery.

Finance: Mr. Condoleo requested that review of the 2009 Municipal Budget be an item for discussion at the March 11, 2009 work session.

Fire Department: Mr. Condoleo informed that he had not received the Fire Department's Monthly Report, but thanked the men and women of the Department for all of their efforts.

Mayor Barsa: Mayor Barsa informed that the committee looking into an Interlocal Agreement to share a Construction Office is moving forward and that Bergen County will provide $5,000 to help in the implementation of the Interlocal.

Presentations:

Mayor Barsa read the inscription on a plaque being presented to Mrs. Joan Mullane, Board of Health Secretary/Registrar and expressed his joy in working with her and thanked her for her dedication to the Borough of Norwood over these past 14 years.

Mayor Barsa presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Melba Bocchino, Board of Health President and thanked her for volunteering her time to serve on the Board of Health.

Mayor Barsa invited Mayor Paul Hoelscher, Harrington Park to come forward to help in presenting Certificates of Achievement to the members of the Norwood Raiders Junior and Senior Football Teams for their recent league championship victories. Mayor Barsa invited the public to remain till the conclusion of the meeting at which time there would be coffee, juice and cake for all.

Mr. Michael Neglia, Norwood Raiders Junior Football President presented the Mayor and Council with two trophies representing Bergen County Junior Football League Champions for the Junior and Senior levels. Mr. Neglia introduced his coaches and presented the members of the teams with jackets (Juniors) and watches (Seniors).

General Public Comment:

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Ms. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk