

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
SINE DIE/ REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2009

The Reorganization 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 8:00 PM and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and recognized the distinguished guests present.

Mayor Barsa led the Council and those in attendance in a salute to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence.

Father Leo Butler gave the Invocation.

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.

Roll Call of the 2008 Governing Body:

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

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if any member wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. There being no request, Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. On the roll call, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

08:213 Authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$136,600.00

08:214 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$645,068.01

Approval of the December 2, 2008 Public/Executive Meeting Minutes

Presentation of Plaques:

Mayor Barsa thanked Councilman Knigin for his 3 years of service to the Borough of Norwood and wished him well with his future endeavors. Mayor Barsa presented a plaque to outgoing Councilman Mike Knigin. A round of applause followed. Mr. Knigin thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and dissention throughout the years. Mr. Knigin said that he had learned a lot over the past 3 years and has a new respect for what it takes to serve. Mr. Knigin went on to thank the individuals who encouraged him to run for election and continue to support him today. Mr. Knigin congratulated Mr. Scott and Mrs. Orecchio on their election and wished them the best. Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Knigin for his help in strengthening the zoning ordinances and his support to preserve Fox Hill and the Central Woods.

Mayor Barsa presented a plaque to retiring Fire Chief Rich Hess for his many years of service to the Borough of Norwood. Councilman Condoleo thanked Chief Hess for the leadership he brought to the Norwood Fire Department and the support that he has given to him.

Recognition of Retiring Board/Commission/Committee Members:

Mayor Barsa presented Certificates of Appreciation to those members of the Zoning Board, Recreation Committee and Board of Health who have served over the past year.

Mayor Barsa gave a “State of the Borough Address”, see Attachment “A”. Following his speech, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to close this portion of the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to close this potion of the meeting, Sine-Die. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

The Borough Clerk read the receipt of the Certificates of Election for Council Members Barry Scott and Marianne Orecchio.

Mayor Barsa administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Councilman Barry Scott. Mr. Scott thanked his wife of 40 years, his neighbors and friends for supporting him on his election to a fifth term. Mr. Scott sited some of his goals and objectives for the coming year. One is to preserve additional open space, as well as finding sufficient property to construct senior housing. Again, Mr. Scott thanked the public and wished for God to bless them.

Mayor Barsa administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilwoman Marianne Orecchio. Mrs. Orecchio introduced the members of the family that were present this evening. Mrs. Orecchio thanked those who helped with her election and said she is prepared to meet the challenges facing the Borough.

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Mayor Barsa asked for a roll call of the 2009 Borough Council:

Mayor Barsa	-	Present
Councilman Brizzolara	-	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	-	Present
Councilman Scott	-	Present
Councilman Guercio	-	Present
Councilman Rapaport	-	Present
Councilman Condoleo	-	Present

Mayor Barsa asked for a nomination for Council President. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to appoint Mr. Guercio as Council President. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. Mr. Rapaport requested that Resolution 09:26 be removed for a separate vote since he has a conflict with this appointment. Mayor Barsa also requested that Resolution 09:17 be tabled till a later date. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items with the exception of Resolutions 09:17 and 09:26:

- 09:01 Approving the Rules and By-Laws dated July 2, 1968, supplemented and approved for 2009
- 09:02 Approving the Rules of Order
- 09:03 Setting the Time and Place for 2009 Mayor and Council Meetings
- 09:04 Minutes of Meetings need not be read by the Borough Clerk at Council Meetings
- 09:05 Designation of Official Newspapers
- 09:06 2009 Official Holidays
- 09:07 Establishing a Cash Management Plan
- 09:08 Authorizing Delinquent Tax Penalty Interest Rate 8% on taxes of less than \$1,500 and 18% on taxes in excess of \$1,500
- 09:09 Designating 2009 Depositories
- 09:10 Appointment of Maureen Neville as Treasurer and Kunjesh Trivedi as Deputy Treasurer for the year 2009
- 09:11 Appointment of Carol Donovan, RMC as Deputy Clerk for the year 2009
- 09:12 Appointment of Maureen A. Neville as Official Tax Search Officer for the year 2009
- 09:13 Appointment of Lorraine L. McMackin as Official Municipal Improvement Searcher for the year 2009
- 09:14 Appointment of Janet Gallagher as Court Assistant for the Municipal Court for the year 2009
- 09:15 Appointment of Helen Guercio as Municipal Housing Liaison for the year 2009
- 09:16 Authorizing Bi-Weekly Payrolls
- 09:18 Appointment of Walter K. Schreyer, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2009

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 09:19 Appointment of Chief Jeffrey Krapels as Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2009 and appointing the Emergency Management Council
- 09:20 Appointing the County of Bergen as the Borough's Animal Control Officer for the year 2009
- 09:21 Appointing the County of Bergen as the "Service Provider" for Blood Borne Compliance and Training
- 09:22 Appointing Steven Wielkocz of Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A. as Borough Auditor for a one-year term
- 09:23 Appointing Andrew T. Fede of Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt & Harz, L.L.C. as Borough Attorney for a one-year term
- 09:24 Appointing Douglas F. Doyle of Edward & Caldwell, L.L.C. as Borough Labor Attorney for a one-year term
- 09:25 Appointing Steve Rogut of Rogut, McCarthy, L.L.C. for a one-year term
- 09:27 Appointing Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC,CMC as Insurance Commissioner of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Carol Donovan, RMC as Alternate Insurance Commissioner
- 09:28 Appointing John Oddo, Recycling Coordinator at an annual salary of \$2,000.00
- 09:29 Appointment of Robert A. Solomon as Magistrate for a three-year term to expire on 12/31/2011
- 09:30 Appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi as Deputy Tax Collector

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve the Consent Agenda. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Guercio to approve Resolution 09:26 Appointing Ruth Falkenstern of Parsells Agency as Risk Manager for the Borough of Norwood for a one-year term.

On the roll call vote:

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

There being 5 affirmative votes, no nays and 1 abstention the motion was approved.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS

Board of Health:

- Murray Bass, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
- Ann Arnold, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
- Gloria Macaroni, Expires 12/31/10 (unexpired term of Cerbasi)
- Elvira Caputo, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
- Liz Krapels, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
- Frank Calauitti, Expires 12/31/09 (unexpired term of Logan)
- Edward Cohen, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10

Consent Agenda Continued:

Recreation Committee:

Victor Del Rio, Expires 12/31/09 (unexpired term of Knaack)
Kevin Passante, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11 (at-large)
Rob Axenrod, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11 (at-large)
Kenny Stewart, Expires 12/31/10 (unexpired term of Fitzmaurice)
Pete Daniele, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
Bob Legget, Expires 12/31/10 (unexpired term of Ross)

Historic Preservation Committee – 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/09

Ann Barnum	Judith Lamp
Brigitha Tray	Kathy Mitchell
David Elling	Marjorie Scott
Lee Williams	Richard Williams

Community Development Grant Advisory Committee:

Alex Aleksich, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10
Fran Hertzberg, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10
George Nemchek, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10

Affordable Housing Board:

John Guercio, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10
Frank Calauitti, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10
Marianne Orecchio, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

Shade Tree Committee – 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/09

Camilo DiRese	Joseph London
David Elling	Allen T. Olsen
Harsha Patel	Doug Hahn

Special Patrolmen:

Class I

Tom Tracey	Martin Clancy
Richard Sposa, Jr.	

Class II

Brian Bourke

Police Clerk/Matron: JoAnn Voccola

Police Physician:

Company Medical Assoc:	Dr. Frank A. Franklin
Park Medical Group:	Dr. Leonard DiGiovanni
	Dr. Peter Symington

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Consent Agenda Continued:

Towing Services:

N & G Auto Service	DTR Automotive/DTR Towing
Northern Valley, Inc.	Northvale Body and Fender
Paragon Auto Collision	

Bureau of Fire Safety Inspectors:

Kenny Sheppard	Charles Bocchino
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Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Anthony Foschino, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12
Murray Bass, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12
John Straub, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10

Ethics Board:

Stuart Bran, Expires 12/31/11 (unexpired term unfilled in 2008)
Neal Liber, 5 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13
Mitchell Rosenthal, 5 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13

Livingston Street Beautification Committee:

Barbara Altenbach	Claudia Montes-Edlin
Joseph L. Ascolese	Allison Passante
Charles Bocchino	Andrew Pittel
John Comer	Ellen Rose
Helen Guercio	Robert Sklow
Chief Jeff Krapels	John Straub

2009 Council Committee Assignments:

Finance

Condoleo (Chair)
Orecchio
Rapaport

Personnel

Rapaport (Chair)
Orecchio
Brizzolara

Property/Zoning

Orecchio (Chair)
Scott
Rapaport (Planning Board)

Public Health

Scott (Chair)
Guercio
Brizzolara

Public Safety

Rapaport (Police)
Condoleo (Fire)
Orecchio (EMS)

Public Utilities

Brizzolara (Chair)
Condoleo
Guercio

Public Works

Guercio (Chair)
Scott
Brizzolara

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Mayor Barsa offered the following appointments not subject to Council approval:

Environmental Commission:

John Kirchoff, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
Dave Elling, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11
Doug Hahn, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10

Planning Board:

Helen Guercio, Class II, Annual, Expires 12/31/09
Allen Rapaport, Class III, Member of Council, Term Expires 12/31/09
Joseph Rodriguez, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10

Mayor Barsa to announce his Liaison Appointments for 2009

Board of Education.....	Orecchio
Community Development.....	Scott
Environmental Commission	Brizzolara
Historic Preservation	Condoleo
Library	Scott
Livingston Street Beautification	Barsa & Rapaport
Recreation	Guercio
Seniors	Scott
Shade Tree	Brizzolara

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio that Resolution 09:30 (Temporary Budget) be approved. On the roll call vote:

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

With an affirmative vote of six members of the Governing Body, the Temporary Budget was adopted.

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if they had any reports or comments they wished to share with the Public.

Mr. Brizzolara congratulated Mr. Scott and Mrs. Orecchio on their election and said he was looking forward to working with them.

Mrs. Orecchio offered wishes of good luck in 2009 from former Council Members Clancy and Senatore.

Mr. Scott reminded that the Mayor promised the meeting would be over by 9:00 PM.

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Mr. Guercio congratulated the newly elected members of the Council and wished former Councilman Knigin the best of luck.

Mr. Rapaport welcomed Mr. Scott and Mrs. Orecchio and expressed the Council's sense of loss at not having Mr. Knigin with them this year. Mr. Rapaport said he was honored to be the police liaison again this year and looks forward to continuing to work with the Planning Board as well as the Beautification Committee. Mr. Rapaport said he felt the Council faced many challenges this year with home values dropping and a worsening economy, but assured the public that this Council was up to the challenge.

Mr. Condoleo welcomed Mrs. Orecchio and Mr. Scott back to the Council and said that he echoed Mr. Rapaport's words regarding the economy and the challenges the Borough will be facing this year. Mr. Condoleo thanked Mr. Knigin for serving on Council and expressed his pleasure in working with him.

It was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street congratulated the two new members of the Council and said he would continue to challenge the Mayor and Council when felt there was a need to do so.

There being no additional comments, it was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to adjourn the meeting. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC

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