

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING, MARCH 2, 2010**

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 Marino	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present

Also Present:

Andrew T. Fede	Borough Attorney
John Speer	Borough Engineer

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

Mayor Barsa welcomed Mayor Paul Hoelscher, Harrington Park to the meeting and explained that both towns would be honoring the Norwood Raiders Football Team this evening.

Mayor Barsa commended Mr. DiRese and the members of the Norwood DPW for the countless hours they worked clearing the streets from trees and snow that fell during the most recent storm. Mayor Barsa also thanked Mr. Tom Brizzolara, former Councilman and Kenny Sheppard who work for Orange & Rockland Electric Company for a job well done in helping to get the power restored to Norwood.

Mayor Barsa and Councilman Scott presented the American Legion with a plaque in grateful appreciation for all they do for the veterans and their civic commitment to the Borough specifically in a monetary contribution to Norwood Public Library. Accepting on behalf of the American Legion was Commander Roman Rywak, Sal DiBlasio and Chris Favata.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

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. Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court thanked the Mayor and Council for directing the DPW to place a street sign announcing D'Ercole Court under the McClellan sign.

There being no other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Proclamation:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

Read Across America

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Norwood stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2010, which would have been the 106th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood calls on the citizens of the Borough to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2010.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA'S Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

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;

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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 is 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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood, State of New Jersey, that March 2010 is designated as "Women's History Month".

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk acknowledging receipt of resolution urging amendment to the Open Public Records Act to exclude email addresses of individuals provided to the government entity for the purpose of receiving emergency notifications
2. Letter from Bergen County Division on Disability Services announcing that Bergenfield is the 2009 Municipal Accessibility Recognition winner
3. Borough of New Milford Resolution opposing consolidation of the duties of municipal tax assessors into those of appointed county tax assessors
4. Letter of thanks from Mary Benardella as recipient of the Alfred D. Hess Volunteer of the year Award for 2009
5. Engineer's Monthly Report
6. Fire Department January 2010 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:

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Approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2010 Work/Executive Meeting and the February 2, 2010 Public Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 10:55 Opposing New Jersey Taxpayers Funding Pension Benefits for Non-government Employees
- 10:56 Approving Tax Overpayment Refund in amount of \$979.52 for Block 156, Lot 24
- 10:57 Approving Tax Overpayment Refund in amount of \$3,878.64 for Block 158, Lot 3
- 10:58 Authorizing Refund for Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 0801 in the amount of \$47,064.25
- 10:59 Authorizing Refund of Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 0803 in the amount of \$132,308.53
- 10:60 Approving Extension of contract with Miele Sanitation to March 31, 2011
- 10:61 Approving Extension of contract with New Jersey Technical Services, Inc. for on-site elevator inspection services to March 6, 2012
- 10:62 Authorizing the Borough Attorney to File an Appeal with the Bergen County Board of Taxation and the Tax Court of New Jersey for Block 176, Lot 1.01
- 10:63 Urging the State Legislature to Reform Interest Arbitration
- 10:64 Authorizing Application for a Loan from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program
- 10:65 Awarding Contract to Donald J. Helmstetter of Mason-Helmstetter Associates, LLC to Assist the Tax Assessor and Attorney with Tax Appeals
- 10:66 Authorizing a Contract with Joseph A Pojanowski, III for Professional Services as Special Counsel to Defend a Tax Appeal

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

Introduction of Ordinance 10:02:

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action 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. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 10:02 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

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Introduction of Ordinance 10:03:

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

“An Ordinance Amending Chapter 77 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Entitled "Alcoholic Beverages"

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to approve Ordinance 10:03 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Introduction of Ordinance 10:04:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Entitled "Animals"

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Ordinance 10:04 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Introduction of Ordinance 10:05:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood, Titled “Building Construction,” Regarding the Fees to be Charged

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 10:05 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Mr. Marino had nothing to report at this time.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Mrs. Orecchio had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Scott:

Mr. Scott had nothing to report at this time.

Council President Condoleo:

Mr. Condoleo had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Rapaport:

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport referenced the Police Department's Monthly Report (Attachment "A").

Councilman Nicolai:

Mr. Nicolai had nothing to report at this time.

Norwood Raiders Presentation:

Mayors Barsa and Hoelscher presented certificates of merit to the players and coaches of the Norwood Raider's Junior Football Team for their recent championship victory. This was the Third Super Bowl Championship in a row for this team. The team presented the Borough of Norwood with their championship trophy for placement in the trophy case. Mayor Barsa invited the public to remain for juice and cake to celebrate the victory.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk