

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING, JUNE 1, 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 8:00 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	Absent
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present (8:05 PM)

Also Present:

Terry Bottinelli	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.

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 informed that the residents of Fox Hill Manor have heard gun shots coming from the woods and are concerned for their safety while sitting on their decks. Mr. Salerno was informed to contact the Police Department when shots are heard.

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.

Presentation:

Mayor Barsa informed that the Norwood Runner's Association raised funds for the purchase of a new display case for the youth sports trophies. Mayor Barsa invited the representatives from the Norwood Runner's Association to come forward for the presentation of a plaque recognizing their donation. There was a round of applause from the audience.

Proclamation:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

Flag Day – June 14, 2010

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 ALLEGANCE 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, 2010 as FLAG DAY and urge all citizens of the Borough to pause at 7:00 PM on this date for the twenty-seventh 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 2010 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.

Proclamations continued:

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 as MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Norwood on being named a Tree City USA community for 2009
2. Letter from Scleroderma Foundation requesting the Borough sign a proclamation declaring June as Scleroderma Awareness Month
3. A letter from the American Legion Norwood Post 272 informing of the Memorial Day Parade
4. A letter from Community Hospice of Bergen County, Inc informing of upcoming events
5. Letter from Assemblyman Robert Schroeder urging the Borough to pass a resolution supporting the immediate repeal of Kyleigh’s Law

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:

Consent Agenda Continued:

Approval of the minutes of the April 6 and May 4, 2010 Regular Meetings and the Work/Executive Sessions of April 14, April 28 and May 12, 2010

- 10:113 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,029,303.33
- 10:114 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Snow Plow Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and the County of Bergen for the 2010-2010 snow plowing season
- 10:115 Authorizing Change Order No. 3 and final and project acceptance for the 2009 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program constructed by Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc.
- 10:116 Resolution in Support of the Immediate Repeal of Kyleigh's Law
- 10:117 Appointing Mr. Barry Scott as the Borough's representative on the Community Development Regional Committee
- 10:118 Appointing Mr. Barry Scott as the Borough's representative on the Bergen County Open Space Committee
- 10:119 Authorizing Settlement of Robert Travers V. Borough of Norwood, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos.:012120-09 with respect to Block 110, Lot 15.01
- 10:120 Authorizing the purchase and installation of remotely controlled lights for the Kennedy Park Ballfields by Musco Lighting at a cost of \$11,155 from the Open Space Trust Fund
- 10:121 Authorizing the hiring of Carmel-jean Schutte as Board of Health Secretary at \$15/hr, 10hrs/wk.
- 10:122 Authorizing a street opening permit for 59 Adams Street for a sewer connection

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

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 Committee Reports Continued:

Council President Condoleo:

In the absence of Mr. Condoleo no report was given

Councilman Rapaport:

Mr. Rapaport had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Nicolai:

Operation Green Eagle:

Mr. Nicolai informed that the recycling co-coordinator, John Oddo is reviewing the submissions for Operation Green Eagle which was a poster and essay contest for grammar school children regarding recycling. Mr. Nicolai and Mr. Oddo will be working with Mrs. Betty Johnson, Principal at Norwood Public School to pick the winners.

Public Comment:

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for comment. The motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. On the roll call vote, all Council Members voted for the motion.

Closed Session:

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 10:123 authorizing the Mayor and Council to convene into closed session to discuss tax appeals.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Approval of Resolution 10:124 Authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal of Marc Andrew Cohen, Block 7, Lot 15-17, CT 300, 300 Daffodil Drive:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 10:124. On the roll call vote, all council members present voted for the motion.

Approval of Resolution 10:125 Authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal of Robert and Carol Cottone, Block 7, Lot 15, CT 408, 408 Crocus Hill:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Resolution 10:125. On the roll call vote, all council members present voted for the motion.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk