

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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
OF JUNE 7, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM**

**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
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Barry Scott
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Ed Condoleo

**ABSENT:**

Councilman	John Nicolai
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**ALSO PRESENT:**

CFO	Maureen Neville
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**CAPITAL PURCHASING:**

Tom Simpson, EMS Chief was asked to update the department's capital requests for purchasing through the Bergen County Improvement Authority. Chief Simpson said the following items were needed for the Department:

- Installation of vital signs monitor into both ambulances - \$5,000.00
- Carbon Monoxide detecting device for testing patient's blood - \$5,000.00
- Laptop computers to perform electronic charting (3) - \$9,000.00
- Power Generator for EMS Building (natural gas) - \$22,000.00

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A discussion took place regarding the cost of the generator and the Council requested that Chief Simpson supply the Borough Administrator with the specifications for review and comparison. It was requested that Chief Simpson have the specs to the Administrator within a week.

Chief Hess was asked to update his Department's capital request for purchasing through the Bergen County Improvement Authority. Chief Hess made the following requests:

- Air Pack Bottles (38)- \$39,600
- Firemen Helmets (3) - \$900
- Protective Gear (3) - \$9,000
- Portable Radios (6) - \$6,000
- SCBA Masks (5) - \$1,000
- SCBA Escape Packs (2) - \$2,500

**2010 Municipal Budget:**

Mayor Barsa informed that he had spoken with Mr. Wielkocz, Borough Auditor regarding the budget and it was the recommendation of the Auditor that there be no further reductions in the budget. Mayor Barsa informed that he had a conversation with Chief Krapels regarding the purchase of two police vehicles and Chief Krapels said that he would be able to manage if the borough purchased only one vehicle this year. Mayor Barsa said this would be a \$17,000 reduction in the O/E line in the Police Budget. Mayor Barsa also informed that in reviewing the budget he noticed that the additional \$25,000 in rent from the Library was not in the introduced budget. Ms. Neville, CFO also informed that the State will permit municipalities to add the 1.5% medical contribution as a revenue in this year's budget. This will be additional revenue of \$19,000.00. Mayor Barsa said that the Council needs to begin planning for the future and looking into ways to generate additional revenue for the borough. Ms. Neville suggested that the borough consider third party billing for ambulance services. There was a discussion regarding re-zoning of property and looking into the fees collected by the different recreation programs. Following the discussions, Mr. Rapaport motioned, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to move forward with the proposed cuts and additional revenue and amend the budget to reflect these changes. On the roll call vote, Mr. Rapaport and Mrs. Orecchio voted to the affirmative and Messrs. Condoleo, Scott and Marino voted against the motion. Mr. Scott motioned, seconded by Mr. Marino to amend the budget further by reducing the appropriation by 10% for all of the board, committees and volunteer

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groups. On the roll call vote, Messrs. Scott, Condoleo, and Marino voted for the motion with Mr. Rapaport and Mrs. Orecchio voting against the motion. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio that a meeting be scheduled with the various recreation programs to discuss their programs, fees and plans for funding in the future. This meeting should take place prior June 30<sup>th</sup>. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion. As no member of the public wished to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public.

There being no additional business, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to adjourn the meeting. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorraine McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk