

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING, JULY 6, 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 8:03 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 (8:10 PM)
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present (8:10 PM)

Also Present:

Andrew 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.

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.

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

Proclamation:

Mayor Barsa invited Mrs. Konigsberg to come forward and he read the following Proclamation declaring Tuesday, July 6, 2010 as Audrey Konigsberg Day in the Borough of Norwood.

Proclamations continued:

WHEREAS, Audrey Konigsberg began her teaching career for the Norwood Public School District as a Substitute Teacher from 1983 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, from September 1984 until the present she dedicated herself to teaching the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic to young people in the first and second grades; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Konigsberg has given twenty-seven years of service to the Norwood Public School District, during which time she fostered respect and devotion among her colleagues, promoted excellence in education and shaped the development of thousands of children; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Norwood wishes to acknowledge Mrs. Konigsberg both as a resident and dedicated teacher of the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 6, 2010 as

AUDREY KONIGSBERG DAY

in the Borough of Norwood and extend best wishes to her and her husband, Max, for a long, happy and productive retirement.

The Mayor and Council commented on the positive influence Mrs. Konigsberg had for the children of Norwood and wished her good luck in her retirement. There was a round of applause and Mrs. Konigsberg thanked the Mayor and Council for their kind words and the flowers that were presented to her.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from NJ DOT regarding grant applications that are available
2. Letter from State of New Jersey Fish and Game Council requesting the Borough adopt a resolution regarding the negative impact of free-roaming cats
3. A letter from John P. Watt, Mayor of Teterboro regarding proposed legislation to divide Teterboro and give it to adjacent towns
4. Building Department Monthly Report
5. A letter from Bergen County Sheriff Leo McGuire thanking the Borough for inviting the Sheriff's Office to be part of the Memorial Day Parade

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 June 1, 2010 Regular Meetings, the Work/Executive Session of May 26, 2010 and the June 7, 2010 Special Budget Meeting.

- 10:129 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,067,589.29
- 10:130 Appointing Ryan A. Leggett as a Fireman for Norwood Fire Company No. 1
- 10:131 Authorizing the issuance of Raffle Licenses Nos. 10:12 and 10:13 to PTO Norwood Public School
- 10:132 Authorizing settlement of a tax appeal filed by Jay and Alice Yoo, 207 Beech Street
- 10:133 Authorizing a Grant Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and County of Bergen for the Haring Family Cemetery
- 10:134 Authorizing the CFO to issue a refund in the amount of \$300.00 to the Norwood Swim Club for the release of an escrow account
- 10:135 Affirming the Borough of Norwood's Civil Rights Policy
- 10:136 Authorizing the submission of a Referendum to voters in the Borough of Norwood regarding the establishment of a Norwood Free Public Library
- 10:137 Authorizing the submission of a Referendum to voters in the Borough of Norwood regarding the study of a Police Department merger with the Borough of Harrington Park
- 10:138 Authorizing the hiring of Sadie Delihassani as Accounts Payable/Tax Office Assistant for twenty hours/week at \$12/hour.

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

Introduction of Ordinance 10:10:

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

An Ordinance Adding Chapter 164 to the Code of the Borough of Norwood to Authorize the Licensing of Outdoor Cafes in Certain Areas of the Borough of Norwood

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 10:10 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Mr. Marino offered a motion to rescind a motion approved at the June 7, 2010 Special Budget Meeting that called for a 10% reduction in the line item appropriations for all Boards, Committee, Commissions and Volunteer Organizations. Mrs. Orecchio seconded the motion. Following an extensive conversation as to the pros and cons of continuing with the 10% reduction, the roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Rapaport and Nicolai

Nays: Scott and Condoleo

Abstain: None

Compost Facility:

Mr. Marino requested an update on the status of the proposal to move the DPW operations from the existing Compost Facility property, to discontinue the composting operations and sell the property. He was informed that Neglia Engineering has submitted a proposal for the surveying of the compost site, wetlands assessment and concept plan that will be formally discussed at the July 28, 2010 work session.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the monthly report from Norwood EMS as follows:

May, 2010 36 calls answered

June, 2010 44 calls answered

Councilman Scott:

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$6,746 in fees for the month of June, well below the average.

Council President Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo informed that no report was submitted prior to the meeting.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo informed that the 2009 Audit Report was received and that the Finance Committee will meet to discuss the contents, comments and corrective action plan.

Council Committee Reports Continued:

Councilman Rapaport:

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Planning Board has no pending applications.

Personnel:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Borough is awaiting a hearing date from the State Arbitrator for the PBA Contract.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport commended Chief Krapels for his efforts to keep overtime down even though his department has lost two officers through layoffs. Mr. Rapaport informed that he will be working with the Chief on a Performance Analysis to be submitted by the end of July.

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai had nothing to report for this department

Operation Green Eagle:

Mr. Nicolai informed that the recipients were presented their awards at the end of the school year. The cost for the awards was \$350.

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.

Dr. Shyong, 4 Meadow Court requested an update on the Haring Cemetery Project. He was informed that the Borough received a grant from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund to erect a stone wall and do some plantings.

Mr. Stuart Bran, 101 Aspen Court wanted to know if the Borough had found an alternate site for the compost facility. Mayor Barsa informed that the Borough requested a proposal from Neglia Engineering to look into seeing if the property could be developed. Mr. Bran wanted to know what would happen to the two salt sheds. He was informed that they would be moved to the property behind the DPW building. Mr. Bran requested a status report on sharing the building department with Harrington Park and Northvale since there was an article in the paper saying that Harrington Park and Northvale were discussing merging their building departments. Mayor Barsa said that Harrington Park would still like to work with Norwood on this

Public Comment Continued:

project as well as the merging of the two police departments. Mr. Bran requested clarification on the referendum question to make the Library a municipal library as to the wording of the question. Mr. Fede explained that the wording is taken from State Statute and that is how it is to appear on the ballot in November. Mr. Bran wanted to know the difference between the two libraries since he does not pay any fees now to Norwood Public Library. Mayor Barsa explained that presently the Library is a “Reading Room” that receives funding from the Borough and the Borough collects rent from the Library for the use of the building. Mayor Barsa also explained that should the Library become a municipal library, the Borough would have to continue to fund it, but could no longer charge the Library rent for the building. Mr. Bran said he thought more information should be provided to the residents to help them make a decision.

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

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott 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 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk