

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 8:04 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	Absent
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present (8:20 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 Mrs. Orecchio 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. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Presentations:

Mayor Barsa invited Mrs. Susan Hess to come forward to present the Alfred D Hess Volunteer of the Year Award to Mr. Chubby Bocchino. Mayor Barsa read a prepared statement highlighting Mr. Bocchino's many accomplishments.

Mayor Barsa called the members of the Cho Dae Presbyterian Church forward to receive recognition for their generous contributions to Norwood Fire Department and Norwood EMS. The Norwood Fire Department also presented the Church with a plaque and clock.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk explaining the Homestead Credit Program
2. Letter from Bergen County Executive, Dennis McNerney inviting Norwood to participate in the eighth annual memorial for the victims and families of 9-11
3. A letter from Elizabeth Randall, Commissioner for the Board of Public Utilities regarding Norwood's Resolution opposing United Water's petition for a 21.3% rate increase
4. Letter from Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk regarding a regional approach to flooding problems
5. Letter from Pascack Valley Meals on Wheel, Inc. explaining the program
6. A thank you letter from Holy Family School regarding the Carnival

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 August 3, 2010 Regular Meetings, the Work/Executive Sessions of July 28 and August 25, 2010, and the Special Meeting of August 16, 2010

10:155 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,197,951.45

10:156 Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor Licenses for Intercounty Holdings LLC and Arly Inc. for the 2010-2011 license year

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 10:157 Authorizing the release of a Maintenance Bond No 105085701 from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company in the sum of \$11,113.50 to Cumberland Farms Inc.
- 10:158 Authorizing the issuance of Raffle Licenses 10:16 and 10:17 for the Upper Saddle River PTO
- 10:159 Authorizing a Settlement of Tax Appeals of Gregory and Helen Papalexis for Block 7, Lot 15.17 CT 308
- 10:160 Authorizing Neglia Engineering to survey the Haring Cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$1,500
- 10:161 Authorizing the CFO to issue a refund for the overpayment of taxes to Benito & Elizabeth Giampaglia, 430 Summit Street in the amount of \$2,307.82
- 10:162 Authorizing a Dedication by Rider for funds received from the Clean Energy Program to enable the Environmental Commission to purchase energy efficient items
- 10:163 Approving the submission of a grant application and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Carter Street Resurfacing Program
- 10:164 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$3,250 in 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities
- 10:165 Authorizing the New Jersey Environmental Federation, 559 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair to conduct its annual canvass in the Borough
- 10:166 Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and IBT Local 125 for the term January 1, 2009-December 31, 2011
- 10:167 Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements to be executed by the Borough of Norwood and each of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an Escrow Agreement, all pursuant to the 2010 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program
- 10:168 Resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$1,250,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2010, of the Borough of Norwood, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey pursuant to the 2010 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program
- 10:169 Appointing Mr. Dennis Spafford, 414 Tenakill Drive, Northvale an Alternate Crossing Guard pending background and medical checks

Consent Agenda Continued:

10:170 Authorizing a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0241-44-001-004 from Arly, Inc. trading as the Wine and Whiskey Barrel to Aryanaskna, LLC

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio 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 10:13:

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

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood, Chapter 149, Establishing the fees paid by Limousine and Livery Service Licensees in the Borough

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Ordinance 10:13 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, October 5, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 10:11:

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

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood, Chapter 77, Establishing the Permitted Hours of Sale, Service, Delivery and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Sundays By Licensees in the Borough

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public regarding this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Rapaport motioned, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion regarding adoption of this ordinance. It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Nicolai to approve Ordinance 10:11. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Condoleo, Rapaport and Nicolai

Nays: Scott

There being five (5) affirmative votes and one (1) nay, the ordinance was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 10:12:

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

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood, Chapter 211, Establishing the fees paid by Taxicab Licensees in the Borough

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public regarding this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, Mrs. Orecchio motioned, seconded by Mr. Nicolai to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion regarding adoption of this ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 10:12. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Condoleo, Rapaport and Nicolai

Nays: None

There being six (6) affirmative votes and no nays, the ordinance was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Committee Reports:

Prior to the committee reports, Mayor Barsa announced that Norwood Day will be held on Saturday, September 25th with a rain date of Sunday the 26th.

Councilman Marino:

Recreation:

Mr. Marino informed that a meeting was held regarding the condition of the ball fields and how they can be maintained better. A management plan will be implemented.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that she had not received the monthly report from Norwood EMS because they do not meet until next week.

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that today was the first day of school and that a new program has been instituted for dropping off and picking up students as well as a new lunch program.

Council Committee Reports Continued:

Councilman Scott:

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$2,320 in fees for the month of August, well below the average.

Council President Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department's July Monthly Reports, Appendix A.

Historic Preservation Committee:

Mr. Condoleo informed that surveying of the Haring Cemetery will be completed this month and that the Mayor and Council will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 29th at the cemetery. Mr. Condoleo requested that the Fire Department provide lighting for the area.

Councilman Rapaport:

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Board will be reviewing the sign ordinance for modification.

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that he and the Mayor met with the engineers at the County to discuss the Livingston Street Drainage Project and were informed that the Bergen County Freeholders will be passing a resolution at the end of the month endorsing the project.

Personnel:

Mr. Rapaport said that the Borough is still waiting for a date to meet with the State Arbitrator regarding the Police Contract. He commended the DPW for settling their contract and taking zero percent increases for 2010 and 2011 to help the Borough through this financial crisis.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report and commented on the number of tickets written for the month (63). Mr. Rapaport praised Officer Tobin as an outstanding officer and requested that the Mayor and Council recognize him at the October meeting. Mr. Nicolai offered a motion that Officer Tobin be recognized at the next meeting. Mr. Rapaport seconded the motion. Mr. Scott suggested that a letter from Chief Krapels be sent to the Mayor and Council recommending this special accommodation. With Mr. Scott's amendment the motion was approved by the full Council.

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai informed that members of the DPW met at a welding shop in Norwood to watch a demonstration on the process of making bio-diesel. Mr. Dennis Bugess, explained how his system differs from the one used by the Westwood DPW and how their centrifuge process does not remove all of the glycerin and water from the oil. Mr. Bugess uses a chemical process that he believes creates a cleaner product. Mr. Nicolai informed that the cost to the Borough to purchase the equipment is roughly \$6,500-\$8,000 and will be purchased with Clean Community Grant money. The cost savings on fuel will be in the 25-40% range. Mr. Bugess will help train the men on the use of the equipment. Mr. Nicolai informed that the bio-diesel will not be used for any of the emergency response vehicles.

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai informed that the Commission has attended a series of workshops at the Brookdale Community College sponsored by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions pertaining to organic gardens and small family farms. Mr. Nicolai said the Commission reviewed the Rockleigh Code regarding farming and raising horses and has recommended that the Borough adopt a similar one for Norwood. Mr. Nicolai said that he supports this.

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 Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mr. Murray Bass, Piermont Road informed that the Board of Health along with Englewood Hospital will be participating in Norwood Day with balloon and tee shirt giveaways. Englewood Hospital will have literature regarding children and nutrition. Mr. Bass asked if the Borough would be conducting a ceremony on September 11th. He was informed that there was none planned as of yet, but that the American Legion was planning a Clam Bake to honor World War II Veterans on September 11th.

Ms. Lisa Kurtz, 401 D'Ercole Court said that she had suggested the use of bio-diesel 3-4 years ago and was glad to see that the Borough is finally doing it.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street commented on animal husbandry and suggested that the Borough look into this carefully. Mr. Hertzberg also cautioned on the use of bio-diesel without doing the proper research. Mr. Hertzberg wanted to know if before the September 29th work session the

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Borough could find out how many towns in Bergen County have Free Public Libraries and how many towns have no library at all.

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

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk