

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 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 8:10 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 (8:20 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.

Ms. Stephanie DiLiberto, 399 Summit Street questioned why the Mayor and Council were considering changing the borders of the Haring Cemetery to permit the adjoining property owners access to the property.

Ms. Judith Lamp, 121 Summit Street gave a brief history of the Haring Family and how the cemetery came to be. She expressed her feelings

Public Comment Continued:

regarding maintaining the 66' square piece of property that is now the Haring Cemetery.

Mr. Rich Williams, 327 Tappan Road informed that the Historic Preservation Committee would formalize their recommendation for the demarcation of the cemetery. Mr. Williams said that he felt it served no purpose to move the wall in and that over time the cemetery will only be the property within the wall. Mr. Williams requested that the surveyor's corner monuments be installed on the four corners of the cemetery as soon as possible.

Mr. Robert Garner, 8 Meadow Lane said as a member of the neighborhood coalition he is in agreement with the placement of the surveyors monuments on the four corners of the property, but is concerned that the Historic Preservation Committee has failed to address the concerns of the adjoining property owners. Mr. Garner commended the Mayor and Council for the compromise they have presented and informed that he would be presenting a plan at the next work session.

Mrs. Regina Haring came forward with a deed from 1785 that makes reference to a 66' x 66' cemetery. Mrs. Haring said that she believes that people were buried in the cemetery prior to 1785.

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

Mayor Barsa read a time line of the cemetery history showing the commitment of the Borough to preserve the cemetery. He expressed concern for potentially constructing a wall over someone's remains.

Mr. Scott said that this project has been years in the making and that he feels it should move forward with the compromise of installing the wall 10' in off the property line and allowing the residents to landscape outside of the wall and the Historic Preservation Committee to maintain the inside property.

Mrs. Orecchio said she was concerned for everyone and felt that some of the remarks made were disrespectful. She said that the Council was trying to work with everyone and do what is best for all.

Mr. Rapaport said that he agreed with his fellow council members and was distressed by the fighting and hurt feelings between the neighbors and the committee. He said that he agrees with the placement of the permanent markers, but that he wasn't sure if he agreed to not erecting some type of boundary. He requested that the Borough Administrator contact all parties involved and arrange a meeting. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Nicolai to authorize the placement of the permanent markers. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

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Mr. Nicolai suggested that a walkway around the perimeter of the cemetery be constructed.

Mayor Barsa informed the public that the Borough will be entering into a shared services agreement with Bergen County for the drainage improvements on Livingston Street. He said he and Councilman Rapaport have been working on this project for the past 6 years and are happy to finally see that progress is being made.

Mayor Barsa thanked the Borough Employees for all they did to contribute to the success of Norwood Day and announced that Norwood Day will be held on Saturday, September 24th next year. A concert is being planned for that evening.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Fire Prevention Week – October 4-10
October 10th – Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Cares Enough to Wear Pink Days

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Kathleen P. Goldrick, 38 Huntting Drive, Dumont, NJ regarding the Interboro Member Towns proposed move to the County 911 Facility in Mahwah
2. Letter from Bergen County Freeholder, John Hogan informing of a shared services agreement between the County of Bergen and the Riverside Cooperative for an Infrared Asphalt Truck
3. Fire Chief's Monthly Report for August
4. Letter from Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development informing of the 2010 Applications for Municipal Park Improvements

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:

- 10:171 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,350,779.32
- 10:172 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste, Bulky Waste and Designated Recyclables
- 10:173 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for a Mounted Infrared Restoration System for Asphalt.
- 10:174 Appointing Michael J. Goodman, Jr., as a Fireman for Norwood Fire Company No. 1
- 10:175 Appointing Marie DiBlasio as an Alternate Crossing Guard
- 10:176 Authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License to Immaculate Conception Church for an On-Premise 50/50
- 10:177 Authorizing an application to the County of Bergen for a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for Senior Citizen Activities
- 10:178 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Pumping Station Improvements
- 10:179 Accepting a \$10,356 grant from the County of Bergen for the Municipal Alliance Committee
- 10:180 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood as part of the Interboro Regional Communications Network to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for 911 communications and public safety dispatch services
- 10:181 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for Drainage Improvements on Livingston Street
- 10:182 Authorizing the release of a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$310,732 and cash bond in the amount of \$34,525.80 to TD Bank, 1200 Atrium Way, Mt. Laurel, NJ
- 10:183 Endorsing a application to Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Installation of a Bocce Court at Kennedy Park
- 10:184 Authorizing Christopher Karach, Landscape Architect, P.O. Box 114, Cresskill, NJ to obtain and review bids, inspect and oversee the construction of a wall at the Haring Cemetery located at Meadow Lane

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.

Public Hearing of Budget Amendment:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public for discussion on the budget amendment. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Scott motioned, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 10:185 Amending the 2010 Municipal Budget. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 10:186 Adopting the 2010 Municipal Budget as amended. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Introduction of Ordinance 10:14:

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

An Ordinance Entitled “Fixing Salaries, Wages and Compensation of Certain Employees of the Department of Public Works of the Borough of Norwood” for the Years 2009-2011

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 10:14 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, November 3, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Introduction of Ordinance 10:15:

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Drainage Easement on a Portion of Property Known as Block 91, Lot 9 in the Borough of Norwood

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 10:15 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, November 3, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing 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. 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, Mr. Scott motioned, seconded by Mr. Rapaport 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. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 10:13. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Mr. Marino informed that he was unable to attend his committee meetings this month and therefore had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that Norwood EMS responded to 42 calls for the month of September.

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that the Board of Education has donated a pickup truck to Norwood's DPW. The DPW will use the truck for snow plowing in the winter. The Board of Education is actively seeking a replacement for their principal and superintendent of schools and is hoping to fill the position with one person or share with another school district.

Councilman Scott:

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$6,113 in fees for the month of September.

Senior Citizen Club:

Mr. Scott announced that the Senior Citizen Club meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month and they are hosting a Hot Turkey Luncheon on Monday, November 1, 2010 at a cost of \$5.00.

Council Committee Reports Continued:

Council President Condoleo:

In the absence of Mr. Condoleo no report was given.

Councilman Rapaport:

Mr. Rapaport commended everyone involved with Norwood Day for planning a great day. He said that the weather was terrific and everyone had a great time.

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport informed the Board hasn't had many applications this year.

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that he and the Mayor have worked very hard over the past 5 years to bring about the improvements on Livingston Street and he is very happy to finally see progress.

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 informed that the Police Department has stepped up their motor vehicle safety inspection as well as running radar at various locations throughout the Borough. Mr. Rapaport referenced the proclamation regarding the Guardians of the Ribbon and urged all men to wear pink on October 25-27th to show their support for women in their fight against Cancer.

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai read a prepared statement, Attachment "A".

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. Rapaport reminded that the Borough has a 3 minute rule regarding public comments.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street asked that with regard to the Haring Cemetery all sides come together and find a peaceful solution.

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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 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk