

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MI NUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 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 8:05 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
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present

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.

Mayor Barsa congratulated Allen Rapaport and Ed Condoleo on their re-election and commended Fran and George Hertzberg for the excellent campaign they ran.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mrs. Fran Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street read the following into the record: “Congratulations to Councilmen Rapaport and Condoleo on last night’s victory. In our listening walks through Norwood, we met many wonderful

Public Comment Continued:

people we probably would never have met. From them we learned what concerns Norwood's citizens. First is taxes-very high compared to other locales. Many people, especially seniors, said they do not know how much longer they will be able to continue to live in Norwood. Also, 48 homes in various stages of foreclosure, is indicator of the problem. Second, is the beautification of Livingston Street. People are not pleased with what they see and they are in the dark with what is planned, I'd like to suggest that an enlarged rendering of the proposed Cost Cutters site be placed either in the window (Nick Chiachioro's suggestion) of the closed store or on a stand on the site for everyone to see. It will be more visible there than it is sitting in an office at city hall. Along with a visible rendering is a concern for the safety of the people living in the apartments above the proposed stores. Every effort should be made to attract quality stores for the new building-the type of stores that are currently nonexistent in Norwood." She thanked everyone for their attention.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street congratulated Councilmen Rapaport and Condoleo on their victory and said that through canvassing the town he has reaffirmed his feeling on what a great town Norwood is.

Mr. Robert Garner, 8 Meadow Lane said he has reviewed the Norwood Historical Committee's proposal for a sidewalk delineating the Haring Cemetery and he feels that the sidewalk will be more of a detriment to the neighborhood than a wall. He is still in favor of placing a wall seven (7) feet in from the property line. He is in the process of having plans drawn up that he would like to present at the December 1st work session.

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.

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.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

Veteran's Day
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
Norwood Family Week – November 21-27

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Mitchell and Naama Heymann, 292 High Street expressing concern for the CSX Train noise and property value assessments
2. Fire Chief's September Report
3. Resolution from the Norwood Preservation Committee regarding the Haring Cemetery
4. Letter from Regina Haring regarding the Haring Cemetery 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:

Approval of the minutes of the September 7 and October 5, 2010 Regular Meetings and the September 29, 2010 Executive/Work Meeting.

- 10:192 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,623,304.86
- 10:193 Appointing Nikodemus J. Petrone, 642 D'Ercole Court, as a Fireman for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 10:194 Appointing Michael Odierna, 48 Carpenter Avenue, as a Fireman for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 10:195 Appointing Richard Honig as an Alternate Crossing Guard
- 10:196 Appointing Paul Iulo as an Alternate Crossing Guard
- 10:197 Authorizing the CFO to issue a refund in the amount of \$4,174.84 to TD Bank for an escrow account for Block 100, Lot 15
- 10:198 Supporting Arbitration Reform with Award Caps
- 10:199 Approving the certified lists from Norwood EMS and Fire Department for the LOSAP Program
- 10:200 Authorizing and accepting an agreement with Neglia Engineering in the amount of \$1,500 for the placement of concrete boundary markers at the Haring Cemetery

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

Public Hearing 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 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 10:14. 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.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 10:15

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

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

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. Scott 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 Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 10:15. 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.

Mayor Barsa announced that with the overwhelming passing of the public question regarding consolidation of police services he will be reaching out to Harrington Park and forming a committee to begin the process. The Committee will consist of Chief Krapels, the Borough Administrator, Councilman Rapaport, Councilwoman Orecchio and the Mayor. The first item on the agenda is to look into the grant being offered through the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Recreation:

Mr. Marino informed that a number of issues were discussed at the last meeting including on-line registration. Mayor Barsa offered that he would look into this at the League of Municipalities Convention later this month. One of the other issues discussed was the repairs to Kennedy Field.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that Norwood EMS responded to 38 calls for the month of October. Twenty-five were from Norwood and fifteen were mutual aid. The EMS assisted with the 5K Run and are at every Norwood Raider Football Game.

Councilman Scott:

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$4,804 in fees for the month of September.

Council President Condoleo:

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo informed that the Finance Committee will be meeting in the near future to review the department's budget requests and to begin the 2011 Budget process.

Mr. Condoleo thanked everyone for their support and confidence. He thanked the Hertzberg's for running a good campaign.

Councilman Rapaport:

Mr. Rapaport commended the Hertzberg's for running a professional and courteous campaign.

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that he has requested Mr. Daibes to put up a sign showing what the new plaza will look like.

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the only application that has come before the Board is from Earth Friendly Products for an expansion of the building.

Personnel:

Mr. Rapaport said that the Borough will be meeting with the arbitrator in December and that within the next 90 days he would like to have the contract settled.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport informed that Chief Krapels is on vacation and a monthly report was not supplied.

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai informed that the DPW has begun replacing the borough street signs with “high visibility” signs. He said that the Borough has received a container of Bio-fuel from Mr. Dennis Burgess and they are trying it out in one of their trucks. If they are satisfied that the fuel is not harmful to the vehicle, they will begin creating a list of items to be ordered for purchase and begin making their own fuel.

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai said he will be going to the upcoming League Conference and attending a conference on Sustainable New Jersey.

Mayor Barsa announced that a newsletter will be mailed out in December outlining the re-assessment, the Livingston Street Drainage Project, the 2% Budget Cap and a few other items of concern to the community.

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 three-minute rule regarding public comments.

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 Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Executive Session:

A motion to approve Resolution 10:201 closing the meeting to the public to discuss possible litigation was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

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Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:50 PM. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio that the Mayor be provided reasonable legal expenses for his appearing before the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office to give information regarding an investigation they are conducting. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

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 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk