

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 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:

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| Mayor Barsa | Present |
| Councilman Marino | Present |
| Councilwoman Orecchio | Present |
| Councilman Scott | Present |
| Council President Condoleo | Present |
| Councilman Rapaport | Present |
| Councilman Nicolai | Present |

Also Present:

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| 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.

Mrs. Fran Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street said that it has been four-years that the cemetery issue has not been settled and she said that she feels that the wishes of the residents should be considered since they know what is best for the area.

Public Comment Continued:

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.

Presentation:

Mayor Barsa asked Mr. Mitch Rosenthal to come forward to make the presentations on behalf of the Norwood Runner's Association. Mr. Rosenthal informed that on October 23, 2010 the Norwood Runner's Association held their annual 5K Run and this year over 350 runners participated. Mr. Rosenthal said that the success of the run would not be possible without the cooperation from the Borough and said he was thankful. Mr. Rosenthal announced that donations had been sent to the New Jersey Make-a-Wish Foundation, the Bergen County Food Bank, and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Disease. At this time Mr. Rosenthal requested that Colonel Blanch Reynolds, Salvation Army, Rockland County Division come forward for their \$1,500 donation. Colonel Reynolds informed the audience of the services performed by the Red Cross and thanked the Norwood Runner's Association for their generous donation. The next donation was to the Norwood EMS in the amount of \$10,000. Chief Tom Simpson accepted on behalf of the Corps. and he thanked the Association for their generous donation that will be used for capital improvements. Mayor Barsa commended the Norwood Runner's Association, thanked them for their generosity and informed the audience that the Association had purchased a new trophy display case that is in the hallway. He encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. A thank you letter from the Robert's Family
2. A resolution from the City of Clifton urging passage of the "Tool Kit" Legislation
3. A thank you letter from the Norwood Runner's Association
4. Letter from Mr. George Christiano, 951 Broadway regarding construction and drainage work done at his neighbor's house
5. Letter from Clean Energy, New Jersey thanking the Borough for participating in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Rebate Program
6. Letter from Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk regarding the Borough's Resolution urging passage of reform to binding arbitration law

Mayor Barsa informed that anyone wishing a copy of the correspondence could request it from the Borough Clerk.

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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 November 3, 2010 Regular Meeting, October 27, 2010 Executive/Work Meeting and November 12, 2010 Special Meeting

- 10:204 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,308,057.65
- 10:205 Authorizing the submission of an application to permit the Borough of Norwood to participate in a County Auction for electric and natural gas
- 10:206 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Pumping Station Improvements
- 10:207 Authorizing the settlement of Norwood Associates II, LLC v Borough of Norwood filed in New Jersey Tax Court
- 10:208 CY 2010 Budget Emergency Appropriation for Unemployment Compensation
- 10:209 Authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal of Florence, Kathleen and Mary Kennedy, 59 Carpenter Avenue, Block 136, Lot 16
- 10:210 Refund Tax Over Payment on Block 103, Lot 9
- 10:211 Refund Tax Over Payment on Block 26, Lot 2
- 10:212 Refund of Tax Over Payment on Block 120, Lot 17
- 10:213 Refund and Reduction of taxes for Block 7, Lot 15.17 CT 300
- 10:214 Refund and Reduction of taxes for Block 7, Lot 15.17 CT 308
- 10:215 Refund and Reduction of taxes for Block 13, Lot 4
- 10:216 Approving a modification to Personnel Practices and Procedures and Employee Handbook
- 10:217 Authorizing a refund to Lisa Dawson, 151 Kensington Avenue in the amount of \$90.00 for the Summer Recreation Program
- 10:218 Appointing Michael E. Panella, 205 McKenna Drive as a Fireman for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 10:219 Capital Budget Amendment

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 Bond Ordinance 10:16:

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

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE LIVINGSTON STREET DRAINAGE AND STREETScape PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,065,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 10:220 approving the Introduction of Bond Ordinance 10:16. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Condoleo, Rapaport and Nicolai
Nays: None
Abstain: None

On a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and no nays the Bond Ordinance was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 8:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Board of Health:

The Board of Health has requested clarification from the County regarding the 2011 contract between the Borough and the County. They also discussed the health nurse's hours and availability to the public. It was decided that she would be available from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in Borough Hall for blood pressure readings and then go to the Community Center to check the seniors prior to their bi-monthly meetings. The Board will be considering holding a standalone health fair next year rather than in conjunction with Norwood Day.

Recreation:

Mr. Marino informed that the committee is in the process of planning their spring programs and will be giving Mayor Barsa their recommendations for appointments for next year.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio had nothing to report at this time.

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the Norwood EMS Monthly Report, see Attachment “A”. They responded to 30 calls for the month of October. Twenty-three were from Norwood and seven were mutual aid and stand by for one high school football game.

Councilman Scott:

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$4,910 in fees for the month of November, see Attachment “B”.

Council President Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Norwood Fire Department Monthly Reports for October and November see attachments “C” and “D” respectively.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo informed that the Finance Committee will be conducting preliminary budget meetings once all departments have submitted their budget requests.

Historic Preservation Committee:

Mr. Condoleo reported that both sides are communicating and he is hopeful that a resolution to the cemetery issue will be forthcoming.

Councilman Rapaport:

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Norwood Police Department’s Monthly Report, see attachment “E”. Mr. Rapaport also announced that P.O. Blandino will be retiring as of January 31, 2011. He informed that P.O. White will be filling his position.

Personnel:

The initial meeting with the arbitrator for the Police Contract is scheduled for December 13th. The committee will be meeting to discuss a vacancy in the Finance Department.

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the committee will be meeting tomorrow evening with a representative from a lighting company to look at lights for Livingston Street.

Shared Services:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Borough will be looking into the grant money available through the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office for police consolidation.

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai informed that it is crunch time for the DPW. They are busy collecting leaves, decorating Borough Hall for the holidays. He said that the Department is working with the Building Inspector to construct the station for the making of Bio-fuel. Once the station has been constructed the equipment will be purchased and production will commence. Presently the DPW is using bio-fuel that has been donated.

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai said he attended a seminar at the League Conference pertaining to Sustainable New Jersey and was disappointed with its content.

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.

Police Chief Krapels thanked Norwood Fire Department and EMS for the professionalism they displayed during a recent fatal accident three weeks prior. Mayor Barsa called for a moment of silence for Mr. Chubby Bocchino who was tragically killed in the accident.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street thanked Mr. Mitch Rosenthal and the Runner's Association for the work they do as well as the Salvation Army. He informed that Westy Storage will be hosting an art auction to benefit Norwood Public Library. He asked if the Borough researched all areas of consolidation to see if there are any savings. He expressed his opinion regarding the Haring Cemetery issue.

Mr. Mitch Rosenthal, 50 Adams Street wanted to know if the Mayor and Council would be forming a citizen advisory committee to review the budget and offered to serve on the committee.

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 10:221 closing the meeting to the public to discuss a Ground Lease Agreement with Fox Hill Manor was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that formal action may be taken upon returning to open session. At this time, Mrs. Orecchio excused herself from the closed session due to a conflict.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Nicolai to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk