

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
SINE DIE/ REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2010

The Reorganization 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 7:00 PM and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and recognized the distinguished guests present.

Mayor Barsa led the Council and those in attendance in a salute to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence.

Reverend Fran Thiessen gave the Invocation.

Mayor Barsa stated:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of this meeting was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act". This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call of the 2009 Governing Body:

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

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if any member wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. There being no request, Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. On the roll call, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

09:182 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of  
\$1,400,348.45

- 09:183 Approving Change Order No.2 for the Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program for an increase of \$52,947.30 a 19.98% Increase
- 09:184 Authorizing a refund for a tax overpayment to Eitan & Orbit Silberberg, 104 Kensington Avenue in the amount of \$540.00
- 09:185 Authorizing Appropriation Reserves Transfers in the amount of \$24,879.82

**Presentation of Plaques:**

Mayor Barsa thanked Councilman Brizzolara for his 9 years of service to the Borough of Norwood and wished him well with his future endeavors. Mayor Barsa presented a plaque to outgoing Councilman Brizzolara. A round of applause followed. Mr. Brizzolara read the following statement:

It was 10 years ago, almost to the day, January 4, 2000 that I was sworn into office as Councilman for the first time. During that time, I have had the privilege and honor to serve with 3 mayors and, as near as I can count, 17 different council members.

During those 10 years, I think my colleagues and I have accomplished much of which we can be proud. Your Mayor and Council have made some great improvements to Norwood's quality of life. I thank you all for allowing me to play a small part to make Norwood a great place to live and raise a family.

We have repaved most of Norwood's roads and finished the road resurfacing program. It should be many years before we have to repave our roads.

Although we still have a few more sidewalks to fix, we have also made great strides in our sidewalk replacement program most notably on Summit Street from Blanche to Broadway which I believe is Norwood's heart and soul. We have also completed our program of making the curbs and sidewalks at all our major intersections handicapped accessible and this was done with grant money.

However, I think the biggest improvements we have made in Norwood during the last 10 years have been in our recreational facilities. At Kennedy Park we rebuilt the ball fields, added drainage, sprinkler systems, sodded the fields, fully lit the park, added a walking path around the perimeter, batting cages and improved the bathroom facilities.

Trackside Park soccer field was rock strewn and, quite frankly, a dangerous place to play on before we rebuilt that field, added drainage, a sprinkler system and sod.

During the last 10 years, we built the Kennedy Park playground and then made major improvements to the playground. We also installed aeration to the pond and erected the gazebo.

Thanks to the vision and encouragement of resident Chubby Bocchino and the support of this governing body, the beautiful Kennedy Park War Memorial was finally finished this year.

The quality of our recreation facilities are now equal or exceed those of our neighboring towns, again thanks to matching grants.

All these projects could not have been built without the efforts of our Boro Engineer Mike Neglia who designs them and Lorraine McMackin who does our grant writing saving us hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I would also like to thank our Boro Attorney Andy Fede for all the work he does in drafting and reviewing our bids and ordinances. Norwood is fortunate to have high quality professionals such as Mike, Lorraine and Andy.

Another thing that has set Norwood apart during the last decade from other area towns is the effort we made to keep Norwood affordable for our seniors by building the Fox Hill Manor Senior complex which was completed in 2003.

Concerning Livingston Street improvements, I'd like to thank Mayor Barsa, Councilman Rapaport and the Planning Board for their efforts. I think we have laid the groundwork for beautification and are working with building owners to beautify their properties.

I don't know how many people remember this but 10 years ago, at this time, our town was embroiled in a terrible dispute concerning the proposed Cho Dae church. Hundreds of people came out to protest its approval by the Zoning Bd. It was an ugly and divisive time for our town. Mayor D'Ercole and the Council worked out a compromise agreement with the church for construction of a smaller facility and the rest is history. As it's worked out, I don't think we could have been luckier to have a better community partner and neighbor than Cho Dae. Ten years later, I can't tell you how pleased I am to say that.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate my successor Frank Marino and wish him every success. I know Frank to be a fine person and I hope, Frank, you find your Council service as rewarding as I did. And I am pleased that the parochial interests of High Street will continue to be represented!

Lastly, I'd like to thank my family for their support and tolerance of my post Council meeting rants over the years, and would I like to introduce them.

I thank you all for the high honor and privilege of serving you.

Councilmen Scott and Rapaport thanked Mr. Brizzolara for volunteering to serve the residents of Norwood.

**Recognition of Retiring Board/Commission/Committee Members:**

Mayor Barsa presented a plaque to Mr. Carl Buscher acknowledging his many years of service to the Board of Health, Planning Board, Library Board and Board of Education

Mayor Barsa gave his “State of the Borough Address” by highlighting the many accomplishments of the past year. Mayor Barsa commended Councilman Condoleo and the Finance Committee for their hard work in putting together the budget. He also thanked Mr. Condoleo for making the trip to Trenton to present the Borough’s request for Extraordinary Aid. As a result of the trip the Borough received an additional \$350,000 in State aid. Mayor Barsa informed that the Kennedy Park War Memorial project was completed and re-dedicated on Memorial Day, the final Streetscape plan for Livingston Street has been sent to the County for their approval, new handicap accessible ramps have been installed through a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant, and the Borough has made application for an Environmental Trust Grant to repair the sewer pump stations. Mayor Barsa said he will continue to seek ways to share services with neighboring towns as well as the Board of Education. Annual events were held at no cost to the taxpayers such as Norwood Day, the Fourth of July Fireworks and the 5K Run. Mayor Barsa thanked the Borough Clerk/Administrator and her staff for the job they do and congratulated the Borough Clerk on being elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks’ Association. Mayor Barsa also thanked Mr. DiRese and the entire DPW for keeping the Borough looking good, the Police Department for keeping Norwood safe, the Norwood EMS and Fire Department for their volunteerism and the many residents who volunteer for all of the Boards, Committees and Commissions. He wished every one a very Happy New Year. Following his speech, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to close this portion of the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close this portion of the meeting, Sine-Die. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

The Borough Clerk read the receipt of the Certificates of Election for Councilmen Elect Frank Marino and John Nicolai.

Mayor Barsa administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Councilman John Nicolai. Mr. Nicolai recognized his family and thanked them for their

support and pledged a partnership with the Council to do the best job he can do.

Mayor Barsa administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilman Frank Marino. Mr. Marino thanked all who supported him in his election to office and said that he has a responsibility to listen carefully to all of the words spoken before taking any action.

Mayor Barsa asked for a roll call of the 2010 Borough Council:

Mayor Barsa	-	Present
Councilman Marino	-	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	-	Present
Councilman Scott	-	Present
Councilman Condoleo	-	Present
Councilman Rapaport	-	Present
Councilman Nicolai	-	Present

Mayor Barsa asked for a nomination for Council President. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to appoint Mr. Condoleo as Council President. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. Mr. Rapaport requested that Resolution 01:22, 10:23, and 10:26 be removed for a separate vote since he has a conflict with these appointments. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items with the exception of Resolutions 01:22, 10:23, and 10:26:

10:01	Approving the Rules and By-Laws dated July 2, 1968, supplemented and approved for 2010
10:02	Approving the Rules of Order
10:03	Setting the Time and Place for 2010 Mayor and Council Meetings
10:04	Minutes of Meetings need not be read by the Borough Clerk at Council Meetings
10:05	Designation of Official Newspapers
10:06	2010 Official Holidays
10:07	Establishing a Cash Management Plan
10:08	Designating 2010 Depositories
10:09	Fixing the Rate of Interest and Year End Penalty for non-payment of taxes
10:10	Appointment of Maureen Neville as Treasurer and Kunjesh Trivedi as Deputy Treasurer for the year 2010

- 10:11 Appointment of Carol Donovan, RMC as Deputy Clerk for the year 2010
- 10:12 Appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi, CTC as Official Tax Search Officer for the year 2010
- 10:13 Appointment of Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC as Official Municipal Improvement Searcher for the year 2010
- 10:14 Appointment of Janet Gallagher as Court Assistant for the Municipal Court for the year 2010
- 10:15 Appointment of Helen Guercio as Municipal Housing Liaison for the year 2010
- 10:16 Authorizing Bi-Weekly Payrolls
- 10:17 Appointment of Laura Nunnink, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2010
- 10:18 Appointment of Walter K. Schreyer, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2010
- 10:19 Appointment of Chief Jeffrey Krapels as Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2010 and appointing the Emergency Management Council
- 10:20 Appointing the County of Bergen as the Borough's Animal Control Officer for the year 2010
- 10:21 Appointing the County of Bergen as the "Service Provider" for Blood Borne Compliance and Training
- 10:24 Appointing Douglas F. Doyle of Edward & Caldwell, L.L.C. as Borough Labor Attorney for a one-year term
- 10:25 Appointing Steve Rogut of Rogut, McCarthy, L.L.C. for a one-year term
- 10:27 Appointing Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC,CMC as Insurance Commissioner of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Carol Donovan, RMC as Alternate Insurance Commissioner
- 10:28 Appointing John Oddo, Recycling Coordinator at an annual salary of \$2,000.00
- 10:29 Appointing Neglia Engineering Associates as Borough Engineer for a three-year term
- 10:30 Appointing Ms. Denise Travers as Alternate Prosecutor for the Municipal Court for a one-year term
- 10:31 Appointing Michael Kauker, Kauker & Kauker, LLC as Borough Planner for a one-year term
- 10:32 Appointing Valley Health Medical Group to provide the Alcohol & Drug Testing Services for the CDL Licenses

## **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS**

### **Board of Health:**

Murray Bass, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Judy Zuhusky, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Betty Bujas, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11 (Alt. #1)  
Sheila Conroy, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/10 (Alt. #2) (unexpired term)

### **Recreation Committee:**

Frank Fanelli, Expires 12/31/12 (At Large Member)  
Victor DelRio, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12 (Knickerbocker)  
Steve Santo, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12 (Basketball)

### **Historic Preservation Committee – 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/10**

Ann Barnum	Marjorie Scott
David Elling	Brigitha Tray
Judith Lamp	Lee Williams
Kathy Mitchell	Richard Williams

### **Community Development Grant Advisory Committee:**

Kanti Bhanderi, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11  
Felix Garcia, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

### **Affordable Housing Board:**

Alejandra Betts, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11  
Thomas Byrne, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

### **Shade Tree Committee – 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/10**

Camilo DiRese	Joseph London
David Elling	Allen T. Olsen
Harsha Patel	Doug Hahn

### **Special Patrolmen:**

#### **Class I**

Tom Tracy	Martin Clancy
Richard Sposa, Jr.	

#### **Class II**

Brian Bourke

### **Police Clerk/Matron:**

JoAnn Voccola

### **Police Physician:**

Company Medical Assoc:	Dr. Frank A. Franklin
Park Medical Group:	Dr. Leonard DiGiovanni
	Dr. Peter Symington



**Public Works**

Nicolai (Chair)  
Scott  
Marino

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 10:22, 10:23 and 10:26. It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the resolutions that had been removed from the consent agenda. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Rapaport who abstained. The motion carried.

Mayor Barsa offered the following appointments not subject to Council approval:

**Environmental Commission:**

Christine Hageman, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12  
Jean Hanley, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12  
Ed Gallagher, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12  
George Christiano, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

**Planning Board:**

Helen Guercio, Class II, Annual, Expires 12/31/10  
Allen Rapaport, Class III, Member of Council, Term Expires 12/31/10  
Dan Kelly, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Craig Jacobs, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Walter Deptuch, Alt. #1, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

Mayor Barsa to announce his Liaison Appointments for 2010

Board of Education..... Orecchio  
Community Development ..... Scott  
Environmental Commission ..... Nicolai  
Historic Preservation ..... Condoleo  
Library..... Scott  
Livingston Street Beautification ..... Barsa/Rapaport  
Recreation..... Marino/Nicolai  
Seniors..... Scott  
Shade Tree..... Nicolai

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio that Resolution 10:33 (Temporary Budget) be approved. On the roll call vote:

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

With an affirmative vote of six members of the Governing Body, the Temporary Budget was adopted.

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if they had any reports or comments they wished to share with the Public.

Mr. Rapaport informed that he had just received the Police Department Annual Report and did not have time to review it, he will give a full report at the February Meeting.

There being no additional reports, it was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court thanked former Councilman Tom Brizzolara for his service to the community and commended him on being an independent thinker and having the courage to disagree when he thought it was in the best interest of the town. Mr. Salerno said he hoped this Council will have independent thinkers.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street said he considered Mr. Brizzolara a dear friend and also stressed the need for checks and balances.

There being no additional comments, it was moved by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa again recognized some members of the public and thanked them for all of the work that they do on behalf of the people of Norwood.

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to adjourn the meeting. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC