

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

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 8:00 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 Nicolai	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Orecchio	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Marino	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Mike Neglia	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. Phyllis Keyes, 401 D’Ercole Court thanked the Mayor for his quick response to an e-mail she sent last week. She said that she was concerned about the fire hydrants not being cleared of snow. She suggested that the Borough reach out to the Scouts to help the seniors with clearing the hydrants and walkways. She also suggested that flags be placed on the hydrants alerting to their location. Mayor Barsa responded that the Fire Department was out clearing the hydrants and that he has instructed the DPW

**Public Comment Continued:**

Superintendent, Mr. DiRese that it will be their responsibility to clear the two hydrants at Fox Hill.

Fire Chief Tuite explained that residents have been removing the signs that are placed on the hydrants. He will coordinate with the DPW to have the signs put back up on the hydrants.

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.

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations into the record:

*National Wear Red Day for Women  
Read Across America*

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Mayor John Birkner, Jr., Westwood requesting support for the reopening of the former Pascack Valley Hospital
2. Norwood EMS 2010 Year End Report
3. Construction Department January Report
4. Signed Agreement from Bergen County for Interboro Radio
5. Engineer's Monthly Report
6. Check from Cablevision for \$54,468 representing full payment of all franchise fees for 2010

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. Mr. Nicolai requested that Resolution 11:50 be removed for a separate vote. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2011 Reorganization Meeting, and December 29, 2010 Work/Executive Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

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**Consent Agenda Continued:**

- 11:43 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$4,764,861.47
- 11:44 Supporting the petition filed by HUMC requesting the NJ Dept. of Health & Sr. Services call for the application of a Certificate of Need Establishing a New Acute Care Hospital in Westwood
- 11:45 Awarding a Contract to Miele Sanitation for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste, Bulky Waste and Designated Recyclables
- 11:46 Appointing Mr. William McGuire as Fire Inspector for a period of one year at an annual salary of \$2,534.13
- 11:47 Appointing Kunjesh Trivedi as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Norwood at an annual salary of \$3,000.00
- 11:48 Approving the issuance of Raffle Licenses 11:01 and 11:02 to PTA Edward H. Bryan School, Cresskill, NJ
- 11:49 Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Departments and Municipalities
- 11:51 Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 111, Lot 12 in the amount of \$2,393.00
- 11:52 Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 129, Lot 27 in the amount of \$259.17
- 11:53 Authorizing refund of Redemption to Outside Lien Holder and Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale
- 11:54 Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Mr. Shuaib Firozvi to provide mentoring at an hourly rate of \$55.00 and a cost not to exceed \$10,000

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.

Motion to approve Resolution 11:50 Revoking Resolutions 00:109 and 05:207 providing for the Borough's Payment of Medical Insurance Premiums for Some Retired Borough Employees was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

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

With a roll call vote of four (4) ayes, one (1) nay and an abstention, the resolution was declared approved.

**Introduction of Ordinance 11:01:**

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

*An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood to Regulate Unregistered and Junked Vehicles*

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to approve Ordinance 11:01. 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 Ordinance 11:01 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 8:00 PM.

**Introduction of Ordinance 11:02:**

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

*Authorizing the Acquisition by a Gift of Property Known as Block 167, Lot 5 in the Borough of Norwood*

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 11:02. 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 Ordinance 11:02 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Barsa informed that the Northern Valley Mayor's Association held a joint meeting with the Pascack Valley Mayor's Association to discuss supporting the opening of a hospital at the site of the former Pascack Valley Hospital.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai:**

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai announced that on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> the Borough will be conducting a shred event. Residents will be able to bring their important

papers to the Borough Hall for shredding. This program is sponsored by Bergen County. This will coincide with “Green Week” sponsored by the Environmental Commission. Mr. Nicolai also informed that the new garbage contract was approved this evening awarding the contract to Miele Sanitation for three years with the option to renew for two additional years.

**Councilman Scott:**

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$6,199 in fees for the month of January, see Attachment “A”.

Library:

Mr. Scott reported that Mr. Bob Hennessey was appointed president of the Board of Trustees.

Senior Citizen Club:

Mr. Scott reported that Mrs. Martha Kleinlaut was appointed president of the Senior Citizen Club for 2011.

**Council President Orecchio:**

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio reported that the Board of Education is conducting interviews for a new school supervisor and principal. She also reported that the Board of Education will save approximately \$12,000/annum now that the Borough will be picking up their garbage and recycling beginning at the end of the School’s contract.

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the Norwood EMS Monthly Report, see Attachment “B”.

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Norwood Fire Department Monthly Report for January, see attachment “C”.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo had nothing to report at this time.

Historic Preservation Committee:

Mr. Condoleo had nothing to report at this time.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Norwood Police Department’s Monthly Report, see attachment “D”.

Planning Board:

No report at this time, the meeting was cancelled.

Personnel:

The PBA Contract is still pending.

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the committee will be meeting in the near future to select the street lighting.

**Councilman Marino:**

Recreation:

Mr. Marino informed that the Winter Carnival will not take place this year because the pond will not be ready. The Snow Castle Contest is hold awaiting a spring snow storm that may produce snow conducive to making snowmen.

**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. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Ms. Carol Panzarino, 401 D'Ercole Court wanted to know why the Council approved a raffle license for an organization in Cresskill. Mayor Barsa explained that organizations must get licenses in the town where the raffle is going to be held.

Norwood Patrolman Paul Kapu informed that the men and women of the Norwood PBA Local 233 would be filing litigation regarding the approval of Resolution 11:50.

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.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk