

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 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
Dan Kaufman	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. 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.

Mayor Barsa invited Mr. Chris Maresca, Sales Auditor, Lime Energy to come forward to make a presentation to the Council. Mr. Maresca explained the Direct Install program that is being funded by the State of New Jersey and how by making application last year the Borough saved 30% off their monthly utility bills. The program last year permitted each municipality that applied

to receive \$50,000 in grant money to install energy efficient upgrades. This year the two grant programs, Direct Install and the Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant offers each municipality up to \$150,000 in upgrades. Mr. Maresca requested the Mayor and Councils help in reaching the businesses in Norwood to offer them funding through the Direct Install Program. With this program each business will be eligible to have the State pay 60% of the cost of the energy efficient upgrade with the business responsible for 40%. Mayor Barsa requested that Mr. Maresca work with the Borough Clerk to send out letters to the businesses to inform them of this program.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations into the record:

Women's History Month

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Mr. John L. Schettino, LLC regarding a proposed resolution and stipulation of settlement for 435 Livingston Street
2. Letter from Family Promise of Bergen County requesting permission to ride through Norwood during their 18th Annual Bike Bergen
3. Construction Department January Report
4. A copy of a letter sent to the Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development from Regina Haring regarding the Haring Cemetery
5. Building Department Monthly Report
6. A letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation informing that the Borough of Norwood did not receive funding under the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2011 Municipal Aid Program

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 informed that the Borough Tax Assessor has requested that Resolution 11:59 be removed from the Agenda since the settlement numbers are incorrect. Mayor Barsa asked if any Council Member wished any other item to be removed. No Council Member wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Consent Agenda Continued:

Approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Regular Meeting and
February 2, 2011 Work/Executive Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 11:55 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,181,830.89
- 11:56 Appointing Richard N. Stoll as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1, Explorer Post 911
- 11:57 Rescinding Resolution 11:47 to correct the appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi as Temporary QPA for the Borough of Norwood
- 11:58 Approving Raffle Licenses 11:03 and 11:04 for Holy Family Catholic Academy
- 11:59 Authorizing a Tax Court Settlement for Lot 15 in Block 100 commonly known as 435 Livingston Street for 2009 & 2010
- 11:60 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 and 2010 Taxes due to a Tax Court Judgment in the amount of \$5,737.56 to Block 5, Lot 11
- 11:61 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 and 2010 Taxes due to a Tax Court Judgment in the amount of \$2,106.37 to Block 68, Lot 1 CT 022
- 11:62 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 and 2010 Taxes due to a Tax Court Judgment in the amount of \$3,803.63 to Block 110, Lot 15.01
- 11:63 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 and 2010 Taxes due to a Tax Court Judgment in the amount of \$4,462.92 to Block 128, Lot 5
- 11:64 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 and 2010 Taxes due to a Tax Court Judgment in the amount of \$1,031.21 to Block 136, Lot 16
- 11:65 Granting permission to Family Promise of Bergen County to travel through Norwood on Sunday, April 3, 2011 during its 18th Annual Bike Bergen
- 11:66 Resolution Supporting A-3431 to Amend Title 59 by granting immunity to public entities for sidewalk injuries where the Homeowner is responsible for sidewalk maintenance by ordinance
- 11:67 Resolution supporting S-2404 capping attorney fees in litigation against public entities
- 11:68 Resolution supporting the repeal of Sick Leave Injury Programs
- 11:69 Resolution supporting A-3430 to Amend Title 59 by Strengthening Weather Immunity

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 11:70 Amending Resolution 11:38 to authorize appropriation reserve transfers in the amount of \$106,000.00
- 11:71 Authorizing a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0241-44-001-004 from Arly, Inc. trading as the Wine and Whiskey Barrel to Wine & Whiskey Barrel, LLC

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

Public Hearing 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. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 11:01 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:01 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Public Hearing 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 Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Nicolai to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 11:02 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:02 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai:

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai announced that on Saturday, April 16th the Borough will be conducting a shred event and that this will kick off the Green Fair.

Councilman Scott:

Building, Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Scott reported that the Construction Office took in \$6,705 in fees for the month of February, see Attachment "A".

Council President Orecchio:

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported that Norwood EMS responded to 58 calls for the month of February.

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that the Board of Education has received 35 applications for the positions of supervisor for the upper and lower grades.

Councilman Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo had nothing to report at this time. He did not receive the Fire Department's Monthly Report

Historic Preservation Committee:

Mr. Condoleo had nothing to report at this time.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo informed that the Mayor and Council held a special budget meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and should be ready to introduce the budget at the March 30th work session. The Borough received notification that their state aid numbers will remain the same as last year.

Councilman Rapaport:

Planning Board:

No report at this time, the board has not met.

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the committee recently met to choose the fixtures. They are waiting for the vendor to email the specifications and picture of what the fixture will look like. Mr. Rapaport requested that the Clerk post the specs when they are received. Mr. Rapaport also informed that the Committee will be meeting with the businesses and the public regarding the improvements. They are waiting for the contractor to begin construction on the new project.

Shared Services:

Mr. Rapaport reported that a shared services meeting between Norwood, Northvale and Harrington Park took place this evening at 5:00 p.m. There were discussions regarding the running of the boroughs and sharing equipment.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Norwood Police Department's Monthly Report, see attachment "B". He commended Det. Amatucci on his excellent police work in being instrumental in recovering a lost child over the weekend. Mr. Rapaport referenced a letter received from Chief Krapels requesting the appointment of Ms. Kathleen Goldrick as a school crossing guard.

Councilman Marino:

Recreation:

Mr. Marino reported on the following items discussed at the last Recreation Committee Meeting:

- Renovation of the girls softball field to make it a "skin field" as well as extending it to accommodate a 50' x 70' boys baseball field
- Increase in the registration fees for the summer recreation program

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino announced that the Board of Health has hired a new secretary, Ms. Alexandra Goodman. Ms. Goodman is being trained by Mrs. Elvira Caputo a Norwood resident and secretary to the Closter Board of Health.

Mayor Barsa announced that the Borough of Norwood was the recipient of two awards at the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund's Annual Safety Breakfast. The first award was the Gold Award for achieving 100 points and the second was best overall for a town with under 50 employees. The Borough will receive a check from the JIF for \$2,700. Mayor Barsa commended Chief Krapels for a job well done.

Mayor Barsa informed that the Northern Valley Rotary Club will be hosting a concert on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest starting at 8:00 p.m. The concert will feature contemporary band and jazz music by the Wind & Jazz Ensemble from St. Michael's College.

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The Mayor has received a request from Eagle Scout, Frank Bocchino, Jr. to build a bench out of logs commemorating 100 years of scouting as part of his Eagle Project.

Mayor Barsa passed around the specifications for the street lighting on Livingston Street, Attachment “C”.

Mayor Barsa also informed that each member has been handed the latest proposal for the new Interboro Contract and he requested that they review it and let him know if they have any additions or corrections.

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.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street said he was not in favor of the Mayor and Council’s decision to cut back on benefits to town employees.

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.

Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Resolution 11:72 authorizing the Mayor and Council to convene into closed session to discuss tax appeals. On the roll call vote, all Council Members voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that formal action may be taken when the Council reconvenes into open session.

Upon returning from closed session, Mr. Nicolai motioned, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 11:73 approving a tax appeal settlement filed by Alfred Sanzari, Enterprises, Alsan Realty Company Inc., Alsan Realty Company, L.P. and 355 Chestnut Assoc.

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 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk