

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 8:03 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 Nicolai | Absent |
| Councilman Scott | Present |
| Council President Orecchio | Present |
| Councilman Condoleo | Present |
| Councilman Rapaport | Present |
| Councilman Marino | Present |

Also Present:

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

Mr. Carl Fedkenheuer, 220 Summit Street said that as an 18 year resident he felt he should have been consulted prior to a “No Parking” sign being installed in front of his house. Mayor Barsa asked the public works committee to look into this and report back to the Mayor and Council

There being no other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamation into the record:

Arbor Day

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Chief Krapels requesting appointment of Ms. Kathleen Goldrick as an alternate school crossing guard pending background investigation and medical clearance
2. Letter from Chief Krapels requesting appointment of Ms. Sally Watchman as an alternate school crossing guard pending background investigation and medical clearance
3. Construction Department March Report
4. Jewish Family Service of Bergen and North Hudson letter requesting permission to ride through Norwood on May 1, 2011 during their bike event to raise awareness and funds to support families in need
5. American Diabetes Association letter requesting permission to ride through Norwood on June 5, 2011 during their annual Tour de Cure event
6. American Cancer Society letter requesting permission to ride through Norwood on June 12, 2011 during the 24th Annual George Washington Bridge Challenge
7. Letter from Norwood Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. informing of the Interboro Fire Chiefs' Parade on October 1, 2011
8. Letter announcing 2010 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Award of \$10,000 for Kennedy Park Bocce Court
9. Letter from Regina Haring urging reconsideration of tree planting design for the Haring Cemetery
10. Letter from Judith E. Lamp resigning from the Norwood Historic Preservation Committee

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 Mr. Rapaport has requested that Resolution 11:88 be removed for separate vote because of a conflict. 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:

Approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2011 Special Budget Meeting and the March 9, 2011 Regular Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 11:79 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,729,855.80
- 11:80 Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment on Block 96, Lot 17 for the 1st Quarter of 2011 in the Amount of \$1,342.00
- 11:81 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 Taxes Due to a Tax Court Judgment in the Amount of \$5,852.30 for Block 7, Lot 15.17, CT 308
- 11:82 Authorizing the Reduction and Refund of 2009 Taxes Due to a Tax Court Judgment in the Amount of \$1,445.68 for Block 68, Lot 1, CT 050
- 11:83 Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment on Block 139, Lot 22 for the 4th Quarter of 2010 in the Amount of \$2,696.42
- 11:84 Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment on Block 129 Lot 3 for the 4th Quarter of 2010 in the Amount of \$3,605.70
- 11:85 Granting Permission for the American Diabetes Association to Travel through Norwood During its Twentieth Tour de Cure on Sunday, June 5, 2011
- 11:86 Granting Permission for the American Cancer Society to Travel Through Norwood During its Twenty-Fourth Annual George Washington Bridge Challenge on Sunday, June 12, 2011
- 11:87 Granting Permission for the Jewish Family Service of Bergen and North Hudson to Travel Through Norwood on Sunday, May 1, 2011 During its Bike Event Called "Wheels for Meals: A Ride to Fight Hunger in Bergen County"
- 11:88 Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Bonds for Various Developers: Norwood Plaza LLC, Norwood West Associates, Dorato LLC/Reduce, Norwood Day Care
- 11:89 Approving the Certified List Submitted by Norwood Fire Company No. 1, Inc. for the LOSAP Program and Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Issue a Check to Lincoln Financial for Investment on Behalf of the Individuals on the Approved Lists
- 11:90 Appointing Kathleen Goldrick as an Alternate Crossing Guard Pending Results of a Background Investigation and Medical Clearance

- 11:91 Appointing Sally Watchman as an Alternate Crossing Guard Pending Results of a Background Investigation and Medical Clearance
- 11:92 Approving the Proposal Submitted by Neglia Engineering in the Amount of \$34,960.00 for Additional Surveying and Engineering Services for Streetscape and Drainage Improvements for Livingston Street from Broadway to Rockland Avenue
- 11:93 Approving the Proposal Submitted by Neglia Engineering in the Amount of \$9,550.00 to Prepare a Boundary and Topographic Survey and NJDEP Letter of Interpretation Package for Hemlock Court

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

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 11:88. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Rapaport who abstained.

Introduction of Ordinance 11:05:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Entitled "Games of Chance"

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 11:05 on its first reading. On the roll call vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:05 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Mayor Barsa reported that he met with Superintendent DiRese, Foreman Schrader and Mr. Dennis Loudon, Northern Valley Soccer (NVS) regarding the use of Trackside Field. It was agreed that the field would be officially closed with the exception of allowing NVS to play games on Sundays. In exchange, NVS will pay for the restoration of the field. It was requested that the Borough Clerk receive in writing from Mr. Loudon his plans to restore the field.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai:

In the absence of Mr. Nicolai, no report was given.

Councilman Scott:

Open Space Trust Fund:

Mr. Scott reported that the Borough has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for the installation of a Bocce Court at Kennedy Park.

Library:

Mr. Scott informed that the Library Board has selected an architect to prepare the plans for the renovation of the Library basement. The architect is Arcari & Iovino from Little Ferry. Mr. Scott emphasized that no Borough funds would be spent on the renovations.

Council President Orecchio:

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported that Norwood EMS responded to 39 calls for the month of March.

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that the Board of Education recently held a public hearing on their proposed budget and that they would be attending the next Senior Citizen Club Meeting to review the budget with the members. The Board is presently interviewing for two positions to assist the Superintendent. One would be for the lower grades and the other for the upper grades.

Councilman Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2011, Attachment "A".

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo informed that the public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget will be Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Haring Cemetery:

We should be moving forward with this project in the next few weeks.

Councilman Rapaport:

Personnel:

The committee is presently gathering information for the arbitration hearing for the police contract.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Norwood Police Department's Monthly Report, see attachment "B". He reported that overtime expenditures are well within the budget.

Planning Board:

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

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport said that the Borough is waiting for Bergen County Planning Board to grant their approval for the Daibes Project. Mr. Rapaport also informed that he has spoken with the owners of a piece of property on Jay Street to develop a parking area. He will arrange a meeting between the owners, the Mayor, Borough Administrator and himself.

Councilman Marino:

Utilities:

Mr. Marino reported on the solar energy presentation and requested that the committee meet to review the proposal and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Marino informed that he had checked with someone at William Paterson University to see if they were satisfied with the solar panels that were installed at the University by Synergy. They told him they were very satisfied.

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino reported that for the first quarter of 2011 the Board of Health took in \$6,930 in fees.

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.

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 Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 11:94 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. Scott motioned, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution

11:95 authorizing capital surplus funds in the amount of \$90,267 of the Interborough Radio Dispatch System to be released to the Interborough Radio Dispatch System for general operating support. On the roll call vote all Council Members present voted to approve the resolutions. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 11:96 authorizing settlement of tax appeal of Adam and Kathleen Cook. On the roll call vote all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Marino who abstained.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo 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 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk