

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MAY 11, 2011**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held at Borough Hall on the above date.

Council President Orecchio 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.

Council President Orecchio 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	Absent
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

Council President Orecchio 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 Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Fire Chief Bernard Tuite questioned when the capital ordinance would be finalized. He reminded that the air bottles presently are 15 years old and can no longer be refilled. He expressed concern that should there be a large working fire, the Fire Department would be without air bottles. It was explained that the ordinance will be introduced at the May 25, 2011 meeting and adopted in June. At that time the Fire Department may submit their requisition for the purchase of the air bottles.

Mr. Chris Carlson, 185 Sherry Avenue, Northvale informed the Council of an incident that took place at Kennedy Field during a girl's softball game. Mr. Carlson said that during the middle of the game the lights went out. He said that he felt this created an unsafe situation and would like to see it corrected in the future. He was informed that it would be looked into.

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. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Presentation:**

Mrs. Ruth Falkenstern, Risk Manager presented the Council with a check for \$2,700 from the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund. Mrs. Falkenstern informed that the check was for two awards the Borough won for safety.

**Correspondence:**

Council President Orecchio read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter dated April 8, 2011 from Senator Cardinale requesting the Mayor and Council to support Senate Bill 54 that would make it easier for municipalities to de-s snag and de-silt streams to help alleviate flooding
2. Letter dated April 28, 2011 from Senator Cardinale informing the Borough that they will be receiving \$8,296.26 from the Fiscal Year 2011 Clean Communities Grant
3. Construction Department April Report
4. Letter dated April 18, 2011 from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the Borough of Norwood on being named a Tree City USA community

Council President Orecchio informed that anyone wishing a copy of the correspondence could request it from the Borough Clerk.

**Consent Agenda:**

Council President Orecchio reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. There being no request Council President Orecchio requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the Minutes of the March 30 and April 26, 2011 Work/Executive Meeting and the April 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

11:106 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,023,284.82

- 11:107 Authorizing the CFO to issue a check in the amount of \$67.50 to Brittany and Lance Dichter, 75 South Street to close out an escrow account
- 11:108 Authorizing the CFO to issue a check to Lincoln Financial for investment into the LOSAP program on behalf of the members of Norwood EMS that are listed on letters dated March 8, 2011
- 11:109 Opposing Senate Bill No. 1351
- 11:110 Supporting Senate Bill No. 54
- 11:112 Click it or Ticket Mobilization May 23-June 5, 2011
- 11:113 Authorizing the issuance of a Peddler's License to Ahmad Yasin to sell ice cream

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.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 11:05:**

Council President Orecchio stated she had before her 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. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo 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. Condoleo to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 11:05 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:05 was approved. Council President Orecchio announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai:**

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai highlighted the weeklong events that took place culminating with the Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The Environmental Commission has begun to plan for next year's event.

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai informed that the DPW has begun mixing bio-diesel with the regular diesel fuel in their trucks. The work station has been completed and the equipment has been ordered to begin manufacturing bio-diesel.

**Councilman Scott:**

Construction Office:

Mr. Scott read the Construction Fee Report for the month of April, Attachment "A".

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department Monthly Report for April 2011, Attachment "B". Mr. Condoleo requested Council approval for one of the members to mark all of the hydrants in Norwood with a yellow Maltese Cross (18" x 18") painted on the street as part of a Senior Service project. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Condoleo to permit the painting of Maltese Crosses in front of fire hydrants on borough streets. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Planning Board:

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

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Rapaport said that the Borough will be opening bids on June 1, 2011 for the drainage improvements on Livingston Street. Once the improvements are completed construction on the new building will commence.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Norwood Police Department's Monthly Report, see attachment "C".

Personnel:

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

**Councilman Marino:**

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino reported that the Board of Health is looking to an ordinance to limit the number of pets a homeowner may own.

**Council President Orecchio:**

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the April 2011 Norwood EMS report, attachment "D".

**Public Comment:**

At this time, Council President Orecchio asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for comment. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo 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. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Closed Session:**

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:111 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session to discuss the acquisition of property, a personnel matter and tax appeals. On the roll call vote, all Council Members voted for the motion. Council President Orecchio announced that formal action may be taken when the Council reconvenes into open session.

Upon returning from closed session, Mr. Condoleo motioned, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:114 authorizing settlement of a tax appeal of Aram and Lorraine Khatchadourian for 2010 and 2011 for 6 Tilden Place. On the roll call vote all Council Members present voted to approve the resolution.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk