

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
July 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 8:00 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	Absent
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Orecchio	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Marino	Present (Arrived at 8:15 PM)

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 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. Lee Wallin, President Norwood EMS came forward to demonstrate the LUCAS 2 an Automatic Chest Compression System. Mr. Wallin explained that through the generosity of the Norwood Runner’s Association and the Cho Dae Presbyterian Church the Corps was able to purchase this life saving device. Mr. Wallin thanked both organizations for their generosity.

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

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Senator Doherty, 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District requesting support to help restore equity into the distribution of state aid to schools
2. Letter from Bergen County Freeholder John Driscoll Jr. informing of the formation of a Flood Advisory Council for Bergen County
3. Letter from Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk regarding Senate Bill #1351 and Assembly Bill #2322 concerning meetings of public bodies
4. Letter from the BCUA informing of a check in the amount of \$428.40 as part of the 2010 Sewer Connection Fee Rebate Program
5. Letter from Bergen County Surrogate, Michael R. Dressler informing of the services provided by his office.
6. Letter from Kathleen A. Donovan, County Executive informing of the Borough's award of \$3,000 in Bergen County Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Activities.
7. Letter from Michael Murburg requesting that the Borough vacate a portion of Mohawk Avenue so that he may purchase it as well a Block 15, lot 4

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. There being no request, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2011 Regular Meeting, the June 22, 2011 Special Meeting and the June 29, 2011 Work/Executive Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

11:139 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,064,967.24

- 11:140 Authorizing Mayor Barsa to sign the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Harrington Park for Municipal Court Services
- 11:141 Authorizing the CFO to release \$230.00 in escrow funds to Mr. Adam Cook, 394 Summit Street, Norwood
- 11:142 Authorizing the hiring of Mr. Joseph Padula, 40 Cathy Court as a temporary laborer for the DPW from July 11, 2011-September 9, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$15.00
- 11:143 Authorizing the hiring of Mr. Kevin Mullane, 136 Summit St. as a temporary laborer for the DPW from July 11, 2011-September 9, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$15.00

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.

**Introduction of Ordinance 11:08 entitled:**

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

*AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE AND METHOD OF COMPENSATION FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 11:08. On the roll call vote:

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

On a roll call vote of five (5) ayes and no nays Ordinance 11:08 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 8:00 PM.

**Introduction of Ordinance 11:09:**

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

*AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE*

DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD” FOR THE YEARS 2009-2013

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 11:09. On the roll call vote:

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

On a roll call vote of five (5) ayes and no nays Ordinance 11:09 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 8:00 PM.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 11:07:**

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

*An Ordinance Authorizing a Second Amendment to Amended Ground Lease with Foxhill Manor Condominium Association, Inc.*

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 11:07 was made by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:07 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:**

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

**Councilman Scott:**

Construction Office:

Mr. Scott read the Construction Fee Report for the month of June, Attachment “A”.

Library:

Mr. Scott reviewed the plans for the new egress door at the Library with the members of the Council. Mr. Scott motioned, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve the drawings and authorize the Borough Attorney to draw up the bid. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

**Council President Orecchio:**

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the May 2011 Norwood EMS report, Attachment "B".

Board of Education:

No report was given at this time.

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department Monthly Report for June 2011, Attachment "C".

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo reported that all reports have been completed and the Borough is in good financial shape.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Planning Board:

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

Personnel:

The Council will be convening into closed session to discuss a vacancy in the Finance Department.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report, Attachment "D".

**Councilman Marino:**

Utilities:

Mr. Marino informed that he would be meeting with representatives from Rockland Electric to discuss solar power and the installation of solar panels. He will have more to report at the next meeting.

Mayor Barsa presented a proposal from Mr. Mark Plescia to construct a clay softball field and a 50' x 70' baseball field at Kennedy Park for \$17,000. The cost of this project will come out of the Open Space Trust Account. Mayor Barsa explained that the Borough on two separate occasions solicited for quotes, but none were received. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs.

Orecchio to approve the proposal from Mr. Plescia for the construction of a girls “clay” softball field and a 50’ x 70’ baseball field at Kennedy Park. On the roll call vote all Council Members present voted for the motion.

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

Mr. Mitch Rosenthal, 50 Adams Street questioned the status of the Northvale Library. Mr. Scott responded that the Library has closed and four residents from Northvale have joined the Norwood Public Library.

Mr. Rosenthal questioned the ownership of the solar panels. He was informed by Mr. Marino that the panels are owned by the company that installs them under a 15 – 20 year contract. After that time, the panels become the property of the Borough.

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. Condoleo 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 11:125 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session to discuss a tax appeal settlement, personnel for the Finance Department and a contract for consideration.. 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, Mayor Barsa requested that the Clerk read the following resolutions into the record for approval as a Consent Agenda:

- 11:145 Authorizing Plescia Building Maintenance to construct a girls softball/50’x70’ baseball field at a cost not to exceed \$17,000
- 11:146 Authorizing the hiring of Kathleen Shalhoub, 522 Cleveland Avenue, River Vale, NJ as Payroll/Finance Clerk for 25 hrs/wk at \$17/hour
- 11:147 Authorizing settlement of tax appeals for Vito and Carol Ann Clarizio, 3 Garnett Place
- 11:148 Rejecting the bids for the Pumping Station Improvements and authorizing preparation of revised specifications

- 11:149 Authorizing settlement of tax appeal for TD Bank, 435  
Livingston Street for the tax years 2009 and 2010
- 11:150 Authorizing a reduction and refund for the 2007, 2008, 2009 &  
2010 taxes for Norwood Associates, Block 145, lot 1
- 11:151 Authorizing a reduction and refund for 2010 taxes to Charles  
and Florence Joseph, Block 29, lot 1
- 11:152 Authorizing a reduction and refund for 2010 taxes to Joseph and  
Joanna Shyong, Block 123, lot 2

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

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport 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 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk