

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
August 10, 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 8:10 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	Absent
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Marino	Absent

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Anthony Kurus	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.

Dr. Shyong, 4 Meadow Court requested a status report on the Haring Cemetery Project. Mr. Rapaport said he would reach out to Mr. Condoleo who heads the Historic Preservation Committee for an update and he would contact Dr. Shyong with a report.

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.

Correspondence:

Council President Orecchio read the following correspondence into the record:

1. United Water NJ Press Release informing of their filing for a rate increase with the BPU
2. Construction Department July Report
3. Letter from the Borough of Closter inviting the Mayor and Council to the Grand Opening of a new trail section
4. Letter from Hackensack University Medical Center regarding their application to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to open Hackensack University Medical Center at Pascack Valley in Westwood
5. Letter from Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control granting a special ruling to Liquor License #0241-33-005-007 Fotios and Kiriaki Vardiakis a pocket license

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 informed that Resolution 11:158 was being tabled for action at a later time. She asked if any Council Member wished to remove any additional 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 July 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 11:157 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,782,401.21
- 11:158 Authorizing the CFO/Treasurer to void and/or stop payment of certain checks issued by the Borough of Norwood
- 11:159 Approving a Street Opening Permit to High Point Utilities, 150 Ryerson Avenue, Wayne, NJ for 1 Madison Avenue
- 11:160 Authorizing the CFO to release escrow funds to Unreal Estates, LLC \$707.50 from escrow account 198000-8207-04 for 190 McKenna Drive, block 109, lot 3

- 11:161 Requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the FY 2011 Budget in the sum of \$21,942.94 which is now available from the Recycling Tonnage Grant
- 11:162 Approving the renewal of Liquor License #0241-33-005-007, Fotis and Kiriaki Vardakas, a pocket license for the 2011/2012 license year
- 11:163 Granting permission for the residents of Dearborn Road to hold a Block Party on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 2 PM to 9 PM

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 11:08 entitled:

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

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:08 was approved. Council President Orecchio announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record and the twenty day estoppel period

Introduction of Ordinance 11:09:

Council President Orecchio stated she had before her 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. Scott 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. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 11:09 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott. On the roll call vote:

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:09 was approved. Council President Orecchio announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record and the twenty day estoppel period

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai gave an update on the implementation of the chemical process being used to break down cooking oil into bio-diesel. Mr. Nicolai thanked Mr. Dennis Burgess for his work in helping the DPW set up this process as well as DPW Employees, Alan Schrader and Rob Tracy. Mr. Nicolai said that by using the bio-diesel the Borough should save between 60-70% in Diesel Fuel costs.

Councilman Scott:

Construction Office:

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

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, the next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2011.

Councilman Condoleo:

Fire Department:

In the absence of Councilman Condoleo, Councilman Rapaport read the Fire Department Monthly Report for July 2011, Attachment "C".

Councilman Rapaport:

Planning Board:

No report at this time, the board did not meet in July and the August meeting has been cancelled as well.

Livingston Street Beautification

The Borough is waiting for the contracts to be signed for the drainage project.

Police Department:

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

Mr. Rapaport announced that he and his wife will be soliciting donations to the Navy Seal Foundation to help the 22 Navy Seals that were recently killed in Afghanistan.

Councilman Marino:

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

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

Mr. John Jost, 120 Glenn Avenue questioned what a "Pocket License" was. He was informed that a "Pocket License" is a liquor license that is presently not being used in an establishment.

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

Closed Session:

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:164 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session to discuss a tax appeal settlement and the bids for the Sewer Pump Station. 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, Council President Orecchio requested that the Clerk read the following resolutions into the record for approval:

11:165 Awarding Contract for the Pumping Station Improvements to
 Coppola Services Inc.

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:165. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

11:166 Authorizing Settlement of James L. Liu/Shauga Conroy V.
 Borough of Norwood, Docket No. 006348-2010 with Respect to
 Block 96, Lot 26

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:166. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Nicolai to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk