

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
September 14, 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 8:10 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	Absent

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

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter of thanks from American Diabetes Association for the Borough's support of the June 5, 2011 Tour de Cure bike-a-thon
2. Request from Union Township Environmental Commission to adopt a resolution encouraging the New Jersey Assembly and Senate Transportation Committees to pass a bill to raise the fines for un-muffled engine braking to \$500.00
3. Announcement of Annual Bergen County Senior Picnic on 9-14-11 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Van Saun Park with rain date of 9-21-11
4. Announcement by County Executive Kathleen Donovan of 9-11 Memorial Services on 9-8-11 at 12 Noon, One Bergen County Plaza and on 9-11-11 at 3 PM, Overpeck Park, Leonia
5. Letter to Fire Chief Tuite from Haworth Police Office Alex Yannuzzi commending Mr. Ronald Van Brandenburg for his assistance at a May 21, 2011 vehicular accident in Haworth
6. Invitation from Fire Chief Tuite to attend the 57th Annual Northern Valley Fire Chiefs Parade on Saturday, 10-01-11 to be held in conjunction with the Borough of Harrington Park
7. Invitation from Ex-Cresskill Fire Chief Peter DeVries to attend the 56th Annual Northern Valley Fire Chiefs' Association Parade on Sunday, 10-10-11 in Borough of Closter at 1:00 PM

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 July 27, 2011 Work/Executive Session, and August 10, 2011 Regular/Executive Session

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 11:181 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount \$2,375,382.99
- 11:182 Authorizing the CFO/Treasurer to issue a refund in the amount of \$662.50 to Adam Somberg for escrow held for Block 8, Lot 2, 38 Mohawk Avenue
- 11:183 Approving Agreement between the Borough and Neglia Engineering for Construction Management Services regarding the pump station upgrades for a cost not to exceed \$62,500.00

- 11:184 Approving Agreement between the Borough and Neglia Engineering for Construction Management Services for Blanch Avenue Sidewalk Installation at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00
- 11:185 Approving Agreement between the Borough and Neglia Engineering for Construction Management Services for Livingston Street Drainage Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$49,800.00
- 11:186 Authorizing the CFO/Treasurer to issue a refund in the amount of \$262.50 to Steven Choi for escrow held for Block 38, Lot 3, 359 14th Street
- 11:187 Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Grant of \$5,000.00 for Senior Citizen Activities

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

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai:

Mr. Nicolai had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Scott:

Construction Office:

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

Council President Orecchio:

Mrs. Orecchio had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Condoleo:

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2011, Attachment "B".

Councilman Rapaport:

Planning Board:

Since no meetings were held during the summer, no report was given.

Police Department:

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

Livingston Street Beautification:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the drainage project has begun on Jay Street. It will take several weeks until they reach Livingston Street. Mr. Rapaport thanked the County for paying \$750,000 towards this project. It should alleviate the flooding at the intersection of Livingston Street and Hudson Avenue. Mr. Rapaport informed that once the drainage project is completed, construction should begin on Norwood Plaza.

Councilman Marino:

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

Presentation of Certificates:

Mayor Barsa presented Certificates of Achievement to the players and coaches of the NEBAS Championship Baseball Team and the Norwood Recreation Baseball Team.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Cupcakes and juice were served to the members of the baseball teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk