

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
October 12, 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	Absent
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Orecchio	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Absent
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 Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Scott 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 Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Presentations:

On behalf of the governing body, Mayor Barsa presented the Norwood Fire Department with a plaque commemorating their 100th Anniversary. Mr. Dominick Congiusti, President of Norwood Fire Company No. 1 and Chief Bernie Tuite accepted on behalf of the Department.

Mayor Barsa invited Mrs. Susan Hess to come forward to present the Al Hess Volunteer of the Year Award. Mayor Barsa and Mrs. Hess presented this year's award to Mr. Ron Van Brandenburg a member of Norwood EMS and Fire Department.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations for the month of October:

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Fire Prevention Week – October 9-15
Breast Cancer Awareness Month/Cares Enough to Wear Pink Days

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Norwood EMS Monthly Reports for July and August
2. Letter from Bergen County Prosecutor's Office regarding the Request for Proposal for police consolidation study
3. Letter from Mr. William Longhi, President of Orange and Rockland Electric regarding Hurricane Irene
4. Letter from the US Postal Service regarding an Area Mail Processing study
5. Letter from the County Clerk regarding the County's issuing of Veteran's Honorary Service Cards
6. Construction Office Monthly Report for September
7. Letter from NJ DOT informing of Safe Routes to School Program Grant for 2012
8. Letter from NJ DEP authorizing the award of the contract for the Pumping Station Improvements to Coppola Services under the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program

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. Mayor Barsa informed that the Borough Attorney has requested that Resolution 11:197 be removed for further discussion.

Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the September 14, 2011 Regular Meeting, the August 31 and September 27, 2011 Work/Executive Session

- 11:194 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,678,371.71
- 11:195 Approving the Agreement for Construction Management Services for Broadway Sidewalk Installation in the amount of \$7,500 for Neglia Engineering
- 11:196 Authorizing the CFO to issue a refund in the amount of \$365.00 to Dunn & Browne LLC, 645 Westwood Avenue, Rivervale, NJ for Block 155, Lots 19, 29 and 30, 30 Demarest Avenue
- 11:197 Approving the Assessment Corrections as recommended by the Tax Assessor for 360 Tappan Road, Block 121, Lot 1.01 and 10 Frasco Lane, Block 4, Lot 7 **TABLED**
- 11:198 Approving a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0241-33-003-004
- 11:199 Authorizing Mayor Barsa to sign the 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,000 for Senior Citizen Activities
- 11:200 Authorizing Mayor Barsa to sign the 2010 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Kennedy Park Bocce Court
- 11:201 Authorizing a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Township of Cranford
- 11:202 Excusing Councilman Frank Marino from attendance at Meetings of the Mayor and Council Approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2011 Work/Executive Session, and August 10, 2011 Regular/Executive Session

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.

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 August, Attachment "A".

Council President Orecchio:

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio reported that everything has run smoothly for the first month of school.

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the July and August Monthly Reports, Attachments “B” and “C”.

Councilman Condoleo:

Norwood Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the September Monthly Report, Attachment “D”.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo reported that the Borough has received notification from the State Treasurer’s Office that there will be a reduction in the Borough’s contribution to the PFRS and PERS Pension Systems for 2012. He also informed that the Finance Committee will begin the 2012 budget process shortly.

Councilman Rapaport:

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

Councilman Marino:

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

Mrs. Orecchio commended the many volunteers that serve the Borough of Norwood and said that she feels that they are the reason the town is such a great place to live.

Mayor Barsa updated the public on the Livingston Street Drainage Project and informed that there will be a Beautification Meeting next Wednesday where they will discuss the construction of a town center at the Hudson and Livingston Street intersection. Mr. Barsa also informed that the Developer’s Agreement has been signed and that the contractor should be submitting plans for the first phase of construction at the Cost Cutter property site.

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

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Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Condoleo to approve Resolution 11:203 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session to discuss a tax appeals and an Easement Agreement. 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:

11:204 Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeals of William Frasse
11:205 Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal of Thelma Murberg

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolutions 11:204 and 11:205. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott 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 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk