

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
November 9, 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 8:15 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	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Anthony Kurus	Borough Engineer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits and requested that all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

Mayor Barsa expressed his gratitude to the residents for their continued support on his recent re-election and congratulated Mr. Scott and Mrs. Orecchio on their victories also. Mr. Scott thanked the residents who voted for the Team and invited everyone to get involved and participate in their government. Mrs. Orecchio thanked everyone for their support and said she looked forward to working with everyone over the next three years.

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.

Mrs. Phyllis Keyes, 401 D'Ercole Court asked if the Borough has an ordinance that prohibits the raising of Honey Bees. She was informed that the Borough does not have any such ordinance. Mrs. Keyes wanted to know if the trails in Central Woods connect to the trails in Closter. She was informed that the trails do connect with the ones in Closter, but have become overgrown. After a discussion on what scope of work the Borough could undertake in regard to the trails, the Council directed Mr. Fede to review the Meadowlands Trust Conservation Easement Agreement and report at the next meeting.

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

Proclamations:

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

Veterans Day
Thanksgiving 2011

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Rockland Electric regarding their Distribution Line Clearance Program
2. Letter from Vantage Health Systems regarding the services they provide
3. Letter from the Norwood Runners Association thanking the governing body, Department Heads, Fire Department and EMS for their help during the annual 5 K Run
4. Notice from the County Executive regarding a Caregivers Conference on Saturday, October 15, 2011
5. Fire Department Monthly Report for October
6. Construction Office Monthly Report for October
7. Resolution from the Borough of Closter opposing S-2887 and A-3992 which would revise the standards for Wind Generation Facilities on Farmland

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 asked if any Council Member wished any other item to be removed. No Council Member wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the October 12, 2011 Regular/Executive Meeting and the October 26, 2011 Work/Executive Session

- 11:212 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,754,000.98
- 11:213 Authorizing the release of a performance bond in the amount of \$5,000 to Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
- 11:214 Authorizing the issuance of a Street Opening Permit (No. 11:02) to PSEG for 378 14th Street
- 11:215 Supporting S-3062 “Telecommunications-Cable Television Deregulation Ensuring Consumer Protection Act”
- 11:216 Requesting approval of items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 for FY 2011 Sustainable Jersey Small Grant in the amount of \$1,000
- 11:217 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for Request for Qualifications for certain Borough Professionals for FY 2012
- 11:218 Requesting the installation of Bus Shelters from NJ Transit for the corner of Broadway and Tappan Road
- 11:219 Municipal Alliance Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$10,356.00 for FY 2012

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

Introduction of Ordinance 11:11

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

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood Entitled to Regulate Campaign Contributions and Public Contracting

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 11:11 on its first reading. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:11 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai reported that the Bio-fuel program is growing and presently the DPW has a surplus of waste vegetable oil. He requested that any resident dropping off oil place the oil back into the original container. He recommended that all DPW vehicles purchased in the future have “interchangeable systems” to allow for the use of bio-fuel as well as diesel fuel.

Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai reported that the Northern Valley 4H Club in Norwood is campaigning to get people to be more conscious of growing their own vegetables. He informed that the best time to plant garlic and “fava” beans is December.

Councilman Scott:

Construction Office:

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

Mr. Scott informed that the American Legion Post will celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday on Friday, November 11 and all are invited to attend.

Council President Orecchio:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that originally Thanksgiving was to be a day of fast, but with the arrival of the Indians and their abundance of food it became a feast.

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio reported the Board of Education is working on improving communications with the Senior Citizens. Norwood Public School now offers parents and students the opportunity to view their child’s grades on line. Norwood Public School had the largest group of students to participate in Norwood’s 5K Run this year. The students were treated to a pizza party by Mr. Gaten.

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the September Monthly Report, Attachments “B”.

Councilman Condoleo:

Mr. Condoleo congratulated Mayor Barsa, Mrs. Orecchio and Mr. Scott on their recent election victory.

Norwood Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the October Monthly Report, Attachment “C”.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo reported that the Borough will be holding a Tax Sale for 2010 delinquent taxes totally \$95,000.00.

Haring Cemetery:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Councilman Rapaport:

Personnel:

Mr. Rapaport informed that a preliminary meeting with the DPW Union regarding their new contract was held with both sides agreeing to meet in the near future to go over proposals. It is hopeful that a new contract will be in place to begin the New Year.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport reviewed the Police Department October Report, Attachment “D”.

Beautification Committee:

No progress to report at this time.

Mr. Rapaport requested that a meeting be scheduled for all department heads to discuss the latest power outage in the Borough and what could be done to expand the Warming Center.

Councilman Marino:

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino informed that a Flu Clinic will be held on November 16 from 2-3 PM at the Community Center. First Responders are invited to attend and receive a free flu shot as well as borough employees. Mr. Marino announced that the Buckingham Nursing Home received a Gold Star Award for their dining services.

Mayor Barsa invited everyone to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Blind Boar at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 10. Mayor Barsa also thanked everyone for their kind words and support.

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

Mr. Murray Bass, Piermont Road congratulated Mayor Barsa and his team on their recent re-election. He informed that the Annual 5K Run had 538 runners and he thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Chief Krapels, Norwood Police Department informed that during the recent power outage he sent out a reverse 911 message requesting volunteers to go door to door to check on residents. Thirty-five volunteers responded to his request. He also informed that the Borough's website will be adding a portal to allow people to enter their cell phone numbers to the Swift Reach Program.

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 Mrs. Orecchio 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 11:220 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session to discuss a tax appeals, Chief Krapels request for additional personnel 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, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott to accept Mr. Fede's letter dated October 26, 2011 regarding the ground lease at Fox Hill Manor and authorizing Mr. Fede to transmit the letter to the attorney representing the residents at Fox Hill Manor. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mrs. Orecchio who abstained due to a conflict as she is a resident of Fox Hill.

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 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk