

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
SINE DIE/ REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2011

The Reorganization 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 7:10 PM and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and recognized the distinguished guests present.

Mayor Barsa led the Council and those in attendance in a salute to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence.

Deacon Jim Puliatte gave the Invocation.

Mayor Barsa stated:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of this meeting was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act". This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call of the 2010 Governing Body:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Marino	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if any member wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. There being no request, Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. On the roll call, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

10:225 Authorizing Appropriation Transfers in the amount of
\$47,377.55

10:226 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,111,247.97

Mayor Barsa's State of the Borough Address:

2010 proved to be a challenging year for all. I wish to thank Councilman Condoleo and the Finance Committee for the outstanding job they did with last year's budget. It was no easy task and the Council was faced with many tough decisions, but through dedication and teamwork and the sacrifices of the Borough Hall Staff, Members of the DPW, the Crossing Guards and of course Chief Krapels we were able to overcome these obstacles. We will not forget your commitment to this Borough. 2011 looks to be a better year and I feel we are heading in the right direction.

This year the Borough undertook a Reassessment of all Borough properties and you all should have received notification of your new assessment. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, please make an appointment with our Tax Assessor John Guercio. The Borough is very fortunate to have two very dedicated people in the Assessor's Office for the past 34 years. John and Helen your hard work, devotion and dedication are immeasurable. Thank you.

We made significant progress on our Livingston Street Beautification Project. The County has agreed to fund a \$750,000 drainage improvement project that will help to alleviate the flooding on Hudson Avenue and Livingston Street. Mr. Fred Daibes gained approval from the Board of Adjustment to construct two new buildings with retail and apartments for seniors. Construction should begin sometime early this year. Mr. Daibes also has agreed to streetscape both sides of Livingston Street from Hudson to Rockland Avenue. The Committee is in the process of choosing the pavers and lighting. In preparation of our new improved downtown, the Council passed an ordinance to permit outdoor dining along Livingston Street. It is our hope that we can create an atmosphere that the people of Norwood can enjoy. One of my goals for this year is help organize a Chamber of Commerce.

The Fireworks on the Fourth of July were spectacular and I want to thank all the residents who donated the money to make it possible. No Taxpayer money was used to fund the Firework Presentation.

Norwood Day was again a huge success and we have already begun preparations for this year. Norwood Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th with a rain date on the 25th.

I wish to congratulate the Norwood Runner's Association for another successful 5 K Run. This year they had over 300 runners and were able to

make generous contributions to the Red Cross, the New Jersey Make-a-wish Foundation, the Bergen County Food Bank and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease, as well as a \$10,000 donation to Norwood EMS.

I also want to thank Cho Dae Church for their generous contribution of \$5,000 to both Norwood EMS and Fire Department. This money was raised through a golf outing.

This Council asked you, the voter, if you wished to see the Borough of Norwood undertake a study for police consolidation. You resoundingly said "yes". This year we will move forward with that study as well as looking at other areas that we may share services with other towns. Norwood is already a part of the Riverside Cooperative, an organization of 17 towns in Bergen County. The cooperative goes out for competitive bids in bulk thereby reducing the cost to the towns.

Your entire Council is dedicated to working to help the people of Norwood. We value your ideas and input. Please remember that the 2011 Calendar will be going out in the next few weeks and it has a listing of all our email and telephone numbers. So please call us and share your thoughts and ideas. We want to hear from you.

I wish to thank the following people who keep Norwood Running smoothly:

Lorraine McMackin Administrator and Boro Clerk, who this year is also serving as President of Bergen County Clerk's Association, Carol Donovan Deputy Clerk and the entire staff at Boro Hall.

Our retiring CFO, Maureen Neville and Kunjesh Trivedi who will become our new CFO today for their hard work, in these most difficult of times, keeping Norwood in good financial standings.

Camilo DiRese our DPW Superintendent and the entire DPW for keeping Norwood looking as good as it does. We commend them on a job well done during the Blizzard that hit over Christmas.

Chief Krapels and the entire Norwood Police Dept for all they do in keeping the people of Norwood safe.

Special Thanks to all the members of the Norwood Fire Company and EMS who volunteer countless hours for the protection and well being of our residents. No amount of praise could express our gratitude for your dedication and devotion to Norwood.

Let us keep in our prayers and remember those we have lost this year, especially Anne Roberts, Chubby Bocchino and Mildred Gangeri

Thanks to all the members of the Board of Health, Recreation Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Ethics Board, Library Board, Shade Tree, Affordable Housing, and Livingston Street Beautification for volunteering your time to make Norwood the great town it is.

Under the direction of Christine Hageman and the Norwood Environmental Commission we have established a “Green Team”. The establishment of the team is the first step in gaining certification as a Sustainable Community. The roll of the Team is to develop plans, implement programs and assist with the education that supports a sustainable community.

This year we are also instituting a new Seniors Advisory Board to help identify and work on issues that concern our seniors.

Finally I want to thank the entire Council for their hard work and support. Norwood would not be what it is today without them.

Recognition of Retiring Board/Commission/Committee Members:

Mayor Barsa presented a plaque to Ms. Maureen Neville, CFO for the Borough and recognized her 11 years of service.

Mayor Barsa recognized Mr. Joseph Ascolese for his many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Norwood serving on the Planning Board and Beautification Committee by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mayor Barsa also presented Helen and John Guercio, Tax Assessor with a Certificate of Appreciation for their 30+ years of service to the Borough.

Following the presentations, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to close this portion of the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close this portion of the meeting, Sine-Die. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

The Borough Clerk read the receipt of the Certificates of Election for Councilmen Elect Edward Condoleo and Allen Rapaport.

Judge Michael B. Kaplan, former Mayor of the Borough administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Councilman Condoleo.

Mr. Condoleo said he was honored to serve the public and looked forward to working with everyone.

Judge Kaplan administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Councilman Rapaport. Mr. Rapaport thanked his family, Mayor Barsa, the staff, the DPW, Norwood Fire Department and EMS for their support and the hard work that they do respectively. He also thanked the Norwood Republican Organization. Mr. Rapaport informed that the Livingston Street Beautification Committee has been working hard and construction should begin in the spring. In regards to police consolidation, Mr. Rapaport said that with a 3 to 1 margin the people have spoken in favor of consolidation. The next step will be to choose a contractor to perform the study. Mr. Rapaport expressed hope that the PBA contract would be settled soon. Mr. Rapaport thanked his running mate, Mr. Condoleo and referred to him as "Mr. Numbers". He also thanked everyone for coming out to support him especially the President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Mr. William Provost.

Mayor Barsa asked for a roll call of the 2011 Borough Council:

Mayor Barsa	-	Present
Councilman Nicolai	-	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	-	Present
Councilman Scott	-	Present
Councilman Condoleo	-	Present
Councilman Rapaport	-	Present
Councilman Marino	-	Present

Mayor Barsa asked for a nomination for Council President. It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Scott to appoint Mrs. Orecchio as Council President. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. Mr. Marino requested that Resolution 11:09 be removed for a separate vote since he would like additional information regarding this resolution. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items with the exception of Resolution 11:09:

11:01	Approving the Rules and By-Laws dated July 2, 1968, supplemented and approved for 2011
11:02	Approving the Rules of Order
11:03	Setting the Time and Place for 2011 Mayor and Council Meetings
11:04	Minutes of Meetings need not be read by the Borough Clerk at Council Meetings
11:05	Designation of Official Newspapers
11:06	2011 Official Holidays

- 11:07 Establishing a Cash Management Plan
- 11:08 Designating 2011 Depositories
- 11:09 Fixing the Rate of Interest and Year End Penalty for non-payment of taxes *Removed for separate vote*
- 11:10 Appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi as Treasurer for the year 2011
- 11:11 Appointment of Carol Donovan, RMC as Deputy Clerk for the year 2011
- 11:12 Appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi, CTC as Official Tax Search Officer for the year 2011
- 11:13 Appointment of Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC as Official Municipal Improvement Searcher for the year 2011
- 11:14 Appointment of Janet Gallagher as Court Assistant for the Municipal Court for the year 2011
- 11:15 Appointment of Helen Guercio as Municipal Housing Liaison for the year 2011
- 11:16 Authorizing Bi-Weekly Payrolls
- 11:17 Appointment of Denise Travers, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2011
- 11:18 Appointment of Laura Nunnink, Esq. as Alternate Prosecutor for the year 2011
- 11:19 Appointment of Walter K. Schreyer, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2011
- 11:20 Appointment of Chief Jeffrey Krapels as Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2011 and appointing the Emergency Management Council
- 11:21 Appointing the County of Bergen as the Borough's Animal Control Officer for the year 2011
- 11:22 Appointing the County of Bergen as the "Service Provider" for Blood Borne Compliance and Training
- 11:23 Appointing Steven Wielkotch of Ferraioli, Wielkotch, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A. as Borough Auditor for a one-year term
- 11:24 Appointing Andrew T. Fede of Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt & Harz, L.L.C. as Borough Attorney for a one-year term
- 11:25 Appointing Douglas F. Doyle of Edward & Caldwell, L.L.C. as Borough Labor Attorney for a one-year term
- 11:26 Appointing Steve Rogut of Rogut, McCarthy, L.L.C. for a one-year term

- 11:27 Appointing Ruth Falkenstern, RMC as Risk Manager for the Borough of Norwood for a one-year term
- 11:28 Appointing Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC,CMC as Insurance Commissioner of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Carol Donovan, RMC as Alternate Insurance Commissioner
- 11:29 Appointing John Oddo, Recycling Coordinator at an annual salary of \$2,000.00
- 11:30 Appointing Mr. Joseph A. Pojanowski, III as Special Counsel to Defend a Tax Appeal for a one-year term
- 11:31 Appointing Mr. Donald Helmstetter as Special Appraiser for Tax Appeals for a one-year term
- 11:32 Appointing Valley Health Medical Group to provide the Alcohol & Drug Testing Services for the CDL Licenses
- 11:33 Appointing Joon Young Park, 125 Aspen Court as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 11:34 Appointing Kunjesh Trivedi, CTC, CFO as Certified Finance Officer for the Borough of Norwood for a four-year term to expire on 12/31/14
- 11:35 Appointing Michael Kauker of Kauker and Kauker LLC as Borough Planner
- 11:36 Appointing Acari and Iovino Architects PC as Borough Architect

I. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS

Board of Health:

Gloria Maccaroni, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13
 Mary Ellen Walter, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13
 Sheila Conroy, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12 (Alt. #2)

Ethics Board:

Larry Hageman, to fill an unexpired term 12/31/2011

Recreation Committee:

Kenny Stewart, 3Yr. Term Expires 12/31/13 (Football)
 Julie Falkenstern, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13 (Cheering)
 Robert Legget, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13 (Baseball)
 Kevin Corrison, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13 (at-large)
 Thomas McArthur, Un-Expired Term 12/31/11 (at-large)

Historic Preservation Committee – 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/11

Ann Barnum	Marjorie Scott
David Elling	Brigitha Tray
Judith Lamp	Lee Williams
Kathy Mitchell	Richard Williams

Community Development Grant Advisory Committee:

Alex Aleksich, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12
George Nemchek, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12
Barbara Vanderbeck, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12

Affordable Housing Board:

John Guercio, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12
Laura Petrocelli, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12

Shade Tree Committee – 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

Camilo DiRese	Joseph London
David Elling	Allen T. Olsen
Harsha Patel	Doug Hahn

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/11

Mayor Barsa	Charles Keating
Councilman Scott	Mary Ellen Walter
Martha Kleinlaut	John Yost
Paul Elenio	Lillian Galbornetti
Joyce Chiacchiaro	

Special Patrolmen:

Class I

Tom Tracy	Martin Clancy
Richard Sposa, Jr.	

Class II

Brian Bourke

Police Clerk/Matron:

JoAnn Voccola

Police Physician:

Company Medical Assoc:
Park Medical Group:

Dr. Frank A. Franklin
Dr. Leonard DiGiovanni
Dr. Peter Symington

Towing Services:

DTR Automotive/DTR Towing
Northern Valley, Inc.

Paragon Auto Collision
Northvale Body and Fender

Bureau of Fire Safety Inspectors:

Kenny Sheppard

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Michael Casey, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14

Carol Leeman, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14

Sal Nobile, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term – 12/31/2012

Livingston Street Beautification Committee:

Barbara Altenbach

Claudia Montes-Edlin

Joseph L. Ascolese

Allison Passante

Mike Leocota

Andrew Pittel

John Comer

Helen Guercio

Chief Jeff Krapels

John Straub

Jodi Rapaport

Crossing Guards for 2011

Al Butti

Larry Grassi

Gus Brunet

Sherry Grossman

Marilyn Brunet

Frank Marini

Michael Cheringal

Rita Paton

John Fanelli

Onofrio Savino

Rocchitella Fanelli

Alice Sposa

Frank Ferrara

Muriel Straub

Dennis Spafford

Robert Wojcik

Marie DiBlasio

Paul Iulo

Anthony Gangeri

Danielle Tracy

Green Team (Sustainable New Jersey)

Mayor Barsa

Christine Hageman

David Hausmann

Robert Lewis

John Nicolai

John Oddo

Barbara Vanderbeck

2011 Council Committee Assignments:

Finance

Condoleo (Chair)

Orecchio

Rapaport

Personnel

Rapaport (Chair)

Orecchio

Marino

Property/Zoning

Orecchio (Chair)

Scott (Construction)

Rapaport (Planning Board)

Public Health

Marino (Chair)

Nicolai

Scott

Public Safety

Rapaport (Police)
Condoleo (Fire)
Orecchio (EMS)

Public Utilities

Marino (Chair)
Condoleo
Nicolai

Public Works

Nicolai (Chair)
Scott
Marino

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. After a discussion regarding Resolution 11:09 pertaining to fixing the interest rate and year end penalty for delinquent taxes, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Scott. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicolai. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa offered the following appointments not subject to Council approval:

Environmental Commission:

Paul Kozel, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13
Barbara Vanderbeck, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13
Jim Elling, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12

Planning Board:

Helen Guercio, Class II, Annual, Expires 12/31/11
Allen Rapaport, Class III, Member of Council, Term Expires 12/31/11
Edward Gallagher, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14
Joseph Ascolese, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14
Robert Travers, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14
Michael Leocota, Alt. #2, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12

Mayor Barsa to announce his Liaison Appointments for 2011

Board of Education Orecchio
Community Development Scott
Environmental Commission Nicolai
Historic Preservation Condoleo
Library Scott/Barsa
Livingston Street Beautification Barsa/Rapaport
Recreation Marino
Seniors Scott
Senior Advisory Board Scott
Shade Tree Nicolai

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio that Resolution 11:37 (Temporary Budget) be approved. On the roll call vote:

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

With an affirmative vote of six members of the Governing Body, the Temporary Budget was adopted.

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if they had any reports or comments they wished to share with the Public.

Mr. Nicolai had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Scott congratulated Messrs. Condoleo and Rapaport on a well deserved victory and for being faithful public servants.

Mr. Scott read the Building Department Report for 2010 (Attachment "A").

Mr. Scott informed that the president of the Library Board has resigned.

Mr. Scott announced that Martha Kleinlaut will serve as President of the Norwood Senior Citizen Club again this year and that they will be having their Holiday Dance this Saturday. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Mrs. Orecchio had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Condoleo informed that at the last meeting of 2010 the Borough resolved to move forward with the delineation of the Haring Cemetery with a compromised reached by the Historic Preservation Committee and the Neighborhood Coalition.

Mr. Condoleo said he was happy to serve as liaison to the Fire Department again this year.

Mr. Condoleo said once all department budgets are received the Finance Committee will begin the 2011 Municipal Budget process.

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Police Department's Year-end report (Attachment "B"). He reported that the overtime expenditures are under budget.

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Planning Board does not have any applications at this time.

Mr. Rapaport thanked the Council for permitting him to work with the Mayor on the Beautification Committee.

Mr. Marino said that the Recreation Committee has spent the past few months looking at alternate sites for the winter programs since gym time is at a premium.

The Board of Health will hold their reorganization meeting next week.

Mr. Marino questioned when the pond would be ready for skating.

There being no additional reports, it was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Stuart Bran, 101 Aspen Court wanted to extend “kudos” to the DPW on the job they did in clearing the streets after the Blizzard. Mr. Bran asked the Council to look into scheduling a shred it program for Norwood Residents. He was informed that one has been scheduled for April. Additional information is in the calendar. There was a brief discussion regarding the benefit of spraying the brine on Borough streets prior to snowfall.

Mr. William Provost, a resident of Rochelle Park and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police spoke of Mr. Rapaport’s dedication to the Borough, the Council, the Police Department, Chief Krapels and the FOP. He asked God to bless everyone here this evening and encouraged them to stand strong while making hard decisions.

There being no additional comments, it was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to adjourn the meeting. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC