

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 13, 2012**

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, 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
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Marino	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present

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.

General Public Comment:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport 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. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations for the record:

Flag Day – June 14, 2012
Scleroderma Awareness Month
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Norwood on being named a Tree City USA community for the past 5 years
2. Letter from the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association Inc. regarding police consolidation, mergers and regionalization
3. Letter from NJ Legislators regarding the introduction of bill that would return Energy Tax Receipts back to the municipalities
4. Letter from the B.C.U.A informing of a BCUA Connection Fee Rebate in the amount of \$221.85 to the Borough
5. Letter from the Norwood Public Library informing of the termination of the Director
6. Letter from Governor Christie informing that the New Jersey Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program
7. Corrective Action Plan Audit Year Ending December 31, 2012 as submitted by the CFO/Treasurer, Kunjesh Trivedi
8. Letter from County of Bergen, Department of Public Works regarding the 2012-2014 Snow Plowing Program
9. Letter from Chief Krapels recommending the appointment of Rabbi Moses Klein as an Honorary Chaplain
10. Letter from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs regarding the second appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi as Temporary Purchasing Agent
11. Letter from County of Bergen Department of Planning and Economic Development regarding the 2012 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund

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 informed that Resolution 12:126 is being tabled since all documents relating to this contact have not been signed. Mayor Barsa asked the Council if they had any other request for the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Orecchio requested that the approval of the minutes of the May 23, 2012

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Work/Executive Session be removed for a separate vote because she was absent for that meeting. There being no additional requests, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2012 Regular Meeting.

- 12:111 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,479,027.56
- 12:112 Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder and Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale
- 12:113 Refund of Tax Overpayment of Taxes on Block 129, Lot 4 in the amount of \$2,807.00
- 12:114 Refund of Tax Overpayment of Taxes on Block 121, Lot 1.01 in the amount of \$4,662.74
- 12:115 Refund Tax Overpayment of Taxes on Block 167, Lot 5 in the amount of \$547.03
- 12:116 To Reduce and Refund 2010 & 2011 Taxes for Block 80, lot 4
- 12:117 Refund Tax Overpayment of Taxes on Block 7, Lot 15.09 in the amount of \$8,833.00
- 12:118 Refund Tax Overpayment of Taxes of Block 68, Lot 1, Qualifier CT098 in the amount of \$3,461.00
- 12:119 Appointing Barry Scott as the Borough of Norwood's representative on the Community Development Regional Committee
- 12:120 Appointing Barry Scott as the Borough of Norwood's representation to participate on the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee
- 12:121 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit (No. 04:12) to PSE&G for 25 Tappan Road
- 12:122 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit (No. 05:12) to PSE&G for 194 Rockland Avenue
- 12:123 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated Tax Bills
- 12:124 Authorizing an Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and the County of Bergen for Snow Plowing for 2012-2014
- 12:125 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
- 12:127 Appointing Rabbi Moses Klein as Honorary Police Chaplain
- 12:128 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit (No. 06:12) to PSE&G for 63 Kensington Avenue
- 12:129 Authorizing the CFO/Treasurer to void/stop payment of certain checks
- 12:130 Authorizing the hiring of Mario Pareja to assist the Tax Assessor in the preparation of tax appeals at a fee not to exceed \$1,500
- 12:131 Authorizing Change Order #5 in the amount of \$46,663.32 an increase of 5.96% for the Livingston Street Drainage Improvement Project

Consent Agenda Continued:

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.

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Work/Executive Meeting. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the minutes. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mrs. Orecchio who abstained.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:03 entitled:

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

Authorizing the Acquisition by Purchase of Property Known as Block 177, Lot 1.02, Ct 612, 612 D'Ercole Court in the Borough of Norwood

It was moved by Mr. Nicolai 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 Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 12:03 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 12:03 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:04:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 42 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Regarding the Position of Purchasing Agent

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio 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 Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. A motion to

Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:04 continued:

adopt Ordinance 12:04 was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 12:04 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

Introduction of Ordinance 12:05:

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him 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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY" AND SETTING FORTH THE METHOD OF PAYING SALARIES AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCES AMENDING SAID ORDINANCE.

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to table this ordinance for further discussion. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Scott and Orecchio
Nays: Nicolai, Marino, Rapaport and Condoleo

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo to approve Ordinance 12:05. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Nicolai, Orecchio, Marino, Rapaport and Condoleo
Nays: Scott

On a roll call vote of five (5) ayes and one nay Ordinance 12:05 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Introduction of Ordinance 12:06:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 233 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Titled "Zoning" to Regulate Portable on Demand Storage Units

Introduction of Ordinance 12:06 continued:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 12:06. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Nicolai, Scott, Orecchio, Marino, Rapaport and Condoleo

Nays: None

On a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:06 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Introduction of Ordinance 12:07:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 202 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Regarding Streets and Sidewalks

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Ordinance 12:07. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Nicolai, Scott, Orecchio, Marino, Rapaport and Condoleo

Nays: None

On a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:07 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Introduction of Ordinance 12:08:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 233 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Titled "Zoning" to Designate Stationary Generators as Accessory Uses in Residential Zoning Districts

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Nicolai to approve Ordinance 12:08. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Nicolai, Scott, Orecchio, Marino, Rapaport and Condoleo

Nays: None

On a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:08 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai requested that residents drop off containers of used vegetable oil at the DPW. The DPW is refining the oil and making Bio-diesel Fuel that is being used in trucks and equipment.

Councilman Scott

Mr. Scott had nothing to report

Councilwoman Orecchio

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported that Norwood EMS responded to 25 calls in a one month period.

Norwood Public Schools:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that Norwood PTO will be holding a Carnival from Thursday, June 14 through Saturday, June 16, 2012 in the parking lot of the former Holy Family School.

Council President Marino

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino further explained the Hearts for Heroes Program. If a first responder is brought to Englewood Hospital and does not have medical coverage, they will not be charged for the treatment. The Hospital has agreed to pick up the cost for the uninsured first responder. Mr. Marino questioned the Fire Chief on their protocol for a fireman returning to duty after an illness or injury. Chief Tuite explained that the fireman must submit a doctor's note stating they are fit for duty. The note is given to the Chief and president of the department. Mr. Nicolai thanked Mr. Marino for his efforts on getting this program up and running in the Borough.

Councilman Rapaport

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport referenced the Police Department Report for May, Attachment "A".

Councilman Condoleo:

Fire Department:

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

Mayor Barsa:

Livingston Street Beautification:

Mayor Barsa said that the amended plans for the new strip mall have been submitted to the Zoning Board. These plans reflect the changes that were made by the Bergen County Planning Board. Once Mr. Daibes receives approval from the Zoning Board he will begin construction on the first of two buildings. In regards to the streetscape, Mayor Barsa informed that the decorative lights are scheduled for shipping the end of June and installation should take place early in July. If any member of the public wishes to purchase a street light at a cost of \$3,000 or a bench for \$1,000 they may see the Borough Clerk. The lights and benches will have a plaque placed on them naming the donator. At this time, Mayor Barsa showed the governing body pictures of the benches, planters and trash cans for their approval. He said that the landscaping at the town center would be completed after the lights were installed.

The following items were addressed with Mr. Dan Kaufman, Neglia Engineering:

The letter sent from Mr. Howard Dean, owner of Norwood Self Storage regarding damage done to his property during the Jay Street Drainage Improvement Project. Mr. Kaufman informed that the letter was forwarded to the Contractor and most of the items will be addressed. The remaining items he is disputing and will be addressed during a field meeting with the contractor and owner. The Contractor has agreed to mill and pave the parking lot. Following the meeting, a letter memorializing the decisions will be sent to the Mayor and Council.

Pump Stations:

Mr. Kaufman informed that Brook Street Pump Station is on-line and functioning and Piermont should be completed within the next two weeks. The only items outstanding will be the paving and fencing. The entire project should be completed in a month.

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

There being no 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.

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 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk