

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JULY 11, 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 8:05 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	Absent
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 Mr. Scott, 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. Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – Job Inspection Observation concerning the Crossing Guards
2. Letter from NJ DEP regarding the May 7, 2012 inspection of the Norwood Compost Facility
3. Letter from Mr. Stuart Bran, 101 Aspen Court informing of his resignation from the Norwood Ethic's Board because he is moving from Norwood
4. Letter from Mr. Howard D. Glesner, 535 High Street informing of a dead Borough shade tree on his property

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 June 13, 2012 Regular Meeting and the June 27, 2012 Work/Executive Meeting

- 12:134 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of 1,653,413.04
- 12:135 Amending the 2012 Capital Budget
- 12:136 Authorizing the Execution of Developer's Agreement Between the Borough of Norwood and Jay Street Ventures, LLC
- 12:137 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit (No. 06:13) to PSE&G for 56 Kensington Avenue
- 12:138 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit (No. 06:14) to United Water Co., for 380 Chestnut Street
- 12:139 To Reduce and Refund 2010 Taxes for Block 96, Lot 26, 115 Hazel Court
- 12:140 Authorizing the voiding of certain checks drawn on the Borough's Current Account
- 12:141 Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,000 to Arcari and Iovino, Borough Architects for feasibility study to construct a roof over the Basketball Courts
- 12:142 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program
- 12:145 Supporting and Authorizing the submission of Sustainable New Jersey Grant funded by PSEG

**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.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:05 entitled:**

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 Mr. Condoleo 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 Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 12:05 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo. On the roll call vote:

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

There being four (4) ayes and one nay, Ordinance 12:05 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:06:**

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*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio 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 12:06 continued:**

adopt Ordinance 12:06 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott.  
On the roll call vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 12:06 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:07:**

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 and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio 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 adopt Ordinance 12:07 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 12:07 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:08:**

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 and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio 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. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to close the meeting to the public. A motion to

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:08 continued:**

adopt Ordinance 12:08 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 12:08 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Introduction of Ordinance 12:09:**

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

*An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood Chapter 189, titled "Sewers" to Regulate Sump Pumps*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 12:09. On the roll call vote:

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

On a roll call vote of five (5) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:09 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

**Introduction of Ordinance 12:10:**

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

*BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$285,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.*

**Introduction of Bond Ordinance 12:10 continued:**

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 12:142 thereby approving the introduction of Bond Ordinance 12:10. On the roll call vote:

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

On a roll call vote of five (5) ayes and no nays Bond Ordinance 12:10 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai**

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

**Councilman Scott**

Library:

Mr. Scott informed that he would like the Borough to look into obtaining a grant for the installation of an emergency generator at the Library. Mr. Scott believes that the Library Basement, when finished, could serve as an alternate site for Borough operations in the event of an emergency. Mr. Rapaport suggested that Mr. Scott speak with Chief Krapels the Emergency Management Coordinator to seek his input.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that she did not receive the monthly report from Norwood EMS.

Norwood Public Schools:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that the Board of Education will be meeting on Thursdays instead of Mondays in the future. This will allow parents who have children in the grammar school and high school the opportunity to attend both Board meetings.

**Council President Marino**

Public Events Committee:

Mr. Marino presented to the governing body a request to form a new cultural events committee to plan events other than recreation programs. Some of the events this committee would oversee are Norwood Day, concerts in the park, movies in the park and events for seniors and special interest groups. The Borough Attorney was instructed to look into whether or not an ordinance

**Mr. Marino continued:**

was needed for the formation of this committee. Mr. Marino said he would like to see artists and theatre people on the committee.

**Councilman Rapaport**

Personnel Committee:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Personnel Committee recently met to review the Personnel Manual and subsequent changes.

Planning Board:

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be Thursday, July 19, 2012 where they will hear two applications.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport requested that Chief Krapels be invited to the next work session to discuss the Police Department's certification with CALEA. Mr. Rapaport also reported that the Police Department recently had an OSHA inspection and numerous violations were found. The Chief has addressed a number of the violations and is working on completing the others prior to the August deadline.

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department:

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

Finance Department:

No report was given at this time.

Historic Preservation Committee:

The contract for the Haring Cemetery delineation has been awarded to Scanlon Landscaping and construction should begin shortly.

**Mayor Barsa:**

Livingston Street Beautification:

Mayor Barsa informed that the decorative street lights have been installed and planters have been placed on the poles. The DPW is maintaining the plants, which were donated by the D'Ercole Family. The Committee will meet next week to discuss the banners, flags and plaques. Mayor Barsa said the Chief has ordered the crosswalk signs. Also, the Zoning Board granted amended site plan approval on the Daibes' Project. Mayor Barsa said the Committee should be ready for a small dedication ceremony at the new Town Center to dedicate the Clock.

**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. Rapaport 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.

**Closed Session:**

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:144 Authorizing the Mayor and Council to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the sale of borough property and potential litigation. The motion was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Upon returning from closed session, a motion to authorize the Public Auction for Block 15, lot 4 with the deed restriction that it will not be sold as a buildable lot was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Scott. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to authorize Mr. Donald Helmstetter to conduct an appraisal on seven pieces of property that the Borough will need to acquire easements for to complete Phase II of the Livingston Street Beautification Project. 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk