

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 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 8:00 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	Absent
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 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 Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

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**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Senator Loretta Weinberg regarding amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act
2. Letter from Edward Trawinski, County Administrator regarding the NJ-DOT County Minor Bridge (Culvert) Inspection Program
3. Resolution from the Bergen County Freeholders supporting Governor Christie's proposed amendments to deliver tax relief for NJ Families
4. Letter from Senator Cardinale regarding the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant Program
5. Letter from Council on Affordable Housing regarding the Borough's trust fund for development fees

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. Mr. Rapaport advised that he would have to abstain from voting on the following due to a conflict:

- 12:151      Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Developer's Agreement between the Borough of Norwood, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and 521 Livingston Street LLC

No other Council Member wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2012 Regular Meeting and the July 25, 2012 Work/Executive Meeting

- 12:149 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,325,114.54

- 12:150 Granting a Street Opening Permit (No. 06:15) to PSE&G for 53 Kensington Avenue

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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Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve the following resolution:

12:151 Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Developer's Agreement between the Borough of Norwood, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and 521 Livingston Street LLC

The motion was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Rapaport who abstained.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai** - In the absence of Mr. Nicolai no report was given.

**Councilman Scott** – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Orecchio** – Mrs. Orecchio had no report.

**Council President Marino** – In the absence of Mr. Marino no report was given.

**Councilman Rapaport**

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport reported that the twenty-nine violations cited by OSHA have been corrected. He referred to a memo received from Chief Krapels requesting the appointment of three alternate School Guards. Therefore, the motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio approving the appointment of the following three individuals as alternate School Guards pending favorable background investigations and medical clearances (Resolution 12:154):

Ms. Johanna Keating, 158 Somerset Road  
Ms. Lillian Skoda, 350 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mr. Geroald Poh, 216 Kensington Avenue

**Councilman Condoleo** - Mr. Condoleo had nothing to report.

**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open 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. No one wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

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**Closed Session:**

At 8:10 PM, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:152 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss a tax appeal settlement after which time action may be taken. The motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:15 PM and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:153, authorizing settlement of a tax appeal of 100 Piermont Road Realty, Inc. in the amount of \$1,050,000.00. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk