

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 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. Notification letter from Verizon New Jersey Inc. that it is no longer required to file a property tax return for the year 2013
2. Thank you note from the Orecchio Family
3. Letter from Freeholder DeNicola announcing Bergen County Division of Disability Services “Access for All” Summit on Saturday, September 22, 2012 beginning at 8 AM at Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute, 281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
4. Letter from Immaculate Conception Parish requesting permission to place sign on front lawn of Church designating October as “Respect Life Month”

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. 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 minutes of the August 8, 2012 Regular and Executive Session Meeting and the August 22, 2012 Work/Executive Meeting

- 12:157 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,992,373.35
- 12:158 Approving appointment of David Rodriguez as an Explorer to Post 911 Norwood Fire Co., No. 1
- 12:159 Granting Street Opening Permit to PSE&G for 235 Livingston Street
- 12:160 Supporting New York State Finance Committee Bill S5126 creating a bi-state commission to coordinate management and flood prevention of waterways flowing between Bergen and Rockland Counties
- 12:161 Opposing S96/A2217 creating the new offense of unlawful conduct
- 12:162 Authorizing Release of Escrow Funds for Block 80, Lot 5, 380 Chestnut Street
- 12:163 Authorizing entrance into a Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Senior Citizen Activities in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 2012-2013

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Consent Agenda Continued:

- 12:164 Designating a \$535,400 Bond Anticipation Note and a \$33,000 Special Emergency Note, both issues dated September 14, 2012 and payable September 13, 2013 as “Qualified Tax-exempt Obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, As Amended
- 12:165 Authorizing Execution of an ADA Cooperative Engineering Design Grant Agreement between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Norwood

The motion was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa’s Report:

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to move the September 26, 2012 Work/Executive Session to Wednesday, October 3, 2012 due to Yom Kippur. It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa requested that the Council provide him with some dates for the dedication of the Town Center. He informed that the clock has been relocated and the lights have been installed and are working and that officially Phase I is complete. No definite date was agreed upon.

Mayor Barsa informed that Norwood Day is Saturday, September 22nd from 2-6PM and Staff shirts have been ordered for the Committee and Governing Body.

Mayor Barsa announced the formation of a food pantry at the Church of the Holy Communion on Summit Street and pointed out that a donation box is here at Borough Hall.

Mayor Barsa requested Council permission for the placement of temporary signs announcing the Mark “Buzz” Reiman Memorial Scholarship Bike Ride. It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa requested that the Council submit to him names to be considered for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Committee Reports:

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

Councilman Scott – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

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Councilwoman Orecchio – Mrs. Orecchio had no report.

Council President Marino

Board of Health: The Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd to coincide with Norwood Day. Englewood Hospital, Buckingham Nursing Home, Bergen County Health Department and a few doctors will be present to hand out literature. There will also be a van on site to check peoples hearing. The annual Flu Clinic will be held Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 1:30-2:30 at the Community Center.

Councilman Rapaport

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport reported that there have been six traffic accidents in the Borough and 700 calls to the Police Department for service.

Beautification Committee: Mr. Rapaport praised Mayor Barsa for his vision for Livingston Street.

Personnel: Mr. Rapaport reported some progress has been made in the negotiations with the DPW Union on a new Agreement.

Councilman Condoleo

Fire Department: Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department's Monthly Reports for July and August, Attachment A and B respective.

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. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Closed Session:

At 8:30 PM, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:166 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss a tax appeal settlement and the public auction of Borough Property, 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.

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Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:55 PM and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:167 accepting the Bid of 316 Piermont Road, LLC and authorizing a contract for the sale of Lot 4 in Block 15 in the Borough of Norwood. A motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Mayor Barsa also asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:168 Authorizing settlement of Tax Appeals of Jae Koung Lee and Eun Mee Lee. A motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 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