

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 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	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Marino	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Absent

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 Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Numerous residents of Burlington and Adams Street complained about a rat infestation problem in their area. They were informed that the Board of Health and Property Maintenance Officer would visit the area and make an assessment of the situation.

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Mr. Daniel Conroy, 46 Millbrook Circle pointed out a discrepancy regarding Resolution 12:178 authorizing the purchase of a new police vehicle. The resolution and consent agenda were not in agreement with the cost of the vehicle. After a discussion it was informed that the amount listed on the consent agenda was incorrect. The amount reflected on the resolution is the actual price for the purchase of the vehicle.

Mr. Dillon Smith, 120 Hazel Court informed that he is a member of Norwood Boy Scout Troop 120 and he is doing his Eagle Project. The project is the renovation of Cricket Court at Norwood Public School. He explained that the project entails a new stone walkway, the planting of perennials, shrubs, grass and mulching of the beds as well as new garden fencing. The project is being funded through donations. He informed that donations may be made to Troop 120 or directly to D'Ercole Farms. Councilman Rapaport said that he and his wife would be happy to make a donation to the project.

Mrs. Barbara Dill, 120 Hazel Court explained the project further and asked if the Borough could donate some of the mulch for the beds. Mayor Barsa that the Borough would be glad to donate the mulch from the Compost Facility and he would reach out to Mr. DiRese to make the arrangements.

There being no other 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.

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, according to the latest research from the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fires; and

WHEREAS, only three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half have actually practiced it; and

WHEREAS, one-third of Americans households who made one and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Norwood's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

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WHEREAS, residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and  
WHEREAS, the 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Have Two Ways Out!” effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

THEREFORE, I James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Borough, and I urge all the citizens of Norwood to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Norwood’s fire and emergency services.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly.

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) educates women about the importance of early detection for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, since NBCAM’s inception, mammography use has doubled, and breast cancer death rates have declined; and,

WHEREAS, many women, still do not utilize mammography at regular intervals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood in recognition of the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals, do hereby proclaim October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I urge all women and their families in the Borough of Norwood to get the facts about mammography.

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**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Notification letter from New Jersey League of Municipalities regarding 2% increase in membership fees
2. Norwood Fire Co. No. 1 September Monthly Report
3. Letter from Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund regarding renewal of membership for 2013
4. Letter from Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Borough of Norwood's Open Space Grant Application
5. Letter from Governor Christie announcing four new State Contracts to assist municipalities in purchasing equipment more cost effectively

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 with the correction to Resolution 12:178.

Approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2012 Regular and Executive Session Meeting

- 12:171 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,858,079.77
- 12:172 Renewing Membership in the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund
- 12:173 Release of Escrow Funds of \$500 to Dr. and Mrs. Guzman, owners of Block 24, Lot 3
- 12:174 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and First Environment to prepare a Response Action Outcome Statement for the DEP at a cost of \$5,860.00
- 12:175 Authorizing Purchases Under Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program (Brush Bandit Chipper Truck)
- 12:176 Authorizing the purchase of Radio Communication Equipment under State Contract #53804
- 12:177 Authorizing 316 Piermont Road, LLC to make application before the Norwood Planning Board for a sub-division

**Consent Agenda Continued:**

12:178 Authorizing the Borough to purchase a 2013 Ford Interceptor SUV in the amount of \$37,285.75 through the Cranford Co-operative, financing will be through Ford Credit Municipal Finance Program.

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

**Mayor Barsa's Report:**

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to authorize Neglia Engineering to prepare a cost estimate to include curbing for Jay Street. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to authorize Neglia Engineering to prepare cost estimates for the reconstruction and paving of Carter Street and Villa Court. It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai**

Environmental Commission: Mr. Nicolai informed of an Environmental Congress sponsored by the New Jersey Environmental Commission on October 20, 2012 at Middlesex College.

**Councilman Scott**

Library: Mr. Scott reported that the Library has completed the demolition of the lower level and will soon submit the plans for the building renovation. The cost of the demolition was a little over eleven thousand dollars.

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

**Council President Marino**

Board of Health: Mr. Marino reported that the Board is presently reviewing their fee schedules for updating.

**Councilman Rapaport**

Fire Department: In the absence of Mr. Condoleo, Mr. Rapaport read the Fire Department's September Monthly Report, Attachment "A".

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport reported that a letter was received from the New Jersey Department of Labor regarding OSHA violations found at the Police Department informing that the violations have been abated. Mr. Rapaport reviewed the Police Department's monthly report. Mr. Rapaport also reviewed the Safety Committee Minutes for the third quarter.

Beautification Committee: Mr. Rapaport said that the moving of the clock and subsequent dedication would not have happened without Mayor Barsa's dedication and perseverance.

**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.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk