

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
SINE DIE/ REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 20112

The Reorganization 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 7:15 PM and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and recognized the distinguished guests present.

Mayor Barsa led the Council and those in attendance in a salute to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence.

Deacon Jim Puliatte gave the Invocation.

Mayor Barsa stated:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of this meeting was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act". This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call of the 2011 Governing Body:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Marino	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if any member wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. There being no request, Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. On the roll call, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Approval of the December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting, November 30, 2011  
Work/Executive Session and the December 7, 2011 Special Meeting

- 11:247 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit for PSEG for 9 Winthrop Street
- 11:248 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for a Gas Generator for the Norwood EMS
- 11:249 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$415,883.89

**Mayor Barsa's State of the Borough Address:**

“2011 was a year of steady progress. With the dedication of Councilman Condoleo and the Finance Committee, I am happy to report that the Borough of Norwood was the only town in this area where the average taxpayer saw a decrease in their property Taxes in 2011. The Finance Committee has already begun the arduous task of preparing the 2012 Budget. Last year, under the guidance of Councilman Nicolai, the DPW purchased equipment and began processing vegetable oil to make bio-fuel. Many of you have been dropping off your used cooking oil at the DPW. Please be reminded that it must be vegetable oil only. Councilwoman Orecchio as liaison to the Board of Education has continued to look for ways for the Borough and the Board to share services. Under our new contract, the Borough's hauler is now picking up trash and recycling for the School. We successfully bid this contract to include the Board of Education to save them money and saved on the Borough's portion as well. Some of the areas she is exploring for this year are joint purchasing of cleaning and office supplies. I would like to commend Councilman Scott on the fine job he did overseeing the bids for the Library rear egress door project as well as his attending the Senior Advisory Board Meetings. As my co-chair on the Livingston Street Beautification Committee, Councilman Rapaport has been instrumental in the progress that we see today and I thank him for his dedication and hard work. With most of the drainage repairs done on Livingston Street we are ready for the reconstruction. The clock will be moved to a new town center across from Hudson Avenue where it will be placed within a park setting. There will be soft lighting, benches and planters to invite people who walk the area to stop and rest and maybe enjoy an ice cream or a cup of coffee. As personnel chair his committee has begun negotiations with the DPW for a new contract. Councilman Marini continues with his commitment to the residents of Norwood and is presently researching the use of solar energy to see if it will save the Borough money. I thank all of the members of Council for their dedication and commitment to the residents of Norwood. You make my job easier.

Once again, Norwood's Fourth of July Fireworks were spectacular and it is estimated that a record number of people attended. Again, the fireworks were paid for by private donation with no tax payer dollars spent. I thank all who contributed.

Norwood Day was held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> due to a stormy Saturday. The weather did not dampen the event, it was bigger and better and we are currently planning for 2012. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Annual 5K Run continues to grow. This year over 500 walkers and runners participated including a number of students from Norwood Public School with their principal Mr. Gatens. I wish to commend the Norwood Runner's Association for their hard work and thank them for all they do to help our organizations. This year's Norwood recipient was the Norwood PTO. They received \$15,000 from the proceeds of the 5 K Run.

I also want to thank Cho Dae Church for their generous contributions to both Norwood EMS and Fire Department. Once again they held a golf outing to raise money for our emergency responders. They truly are a good neighbor.

I wish to thank the following people who keep Norwood running smoothly:

Lorraine McMackin Administrator and Boro Clerk, who along with Carol Donovan Deputy Clerk and Julie Falkenstern, Administrative Assistant are ever present to help you with whatever you need. Whether it is voter registration, dog licenses, garage sale permits, passports or to register a complaint you will be treated in the most helpful and caring manner.

I would like to congratulate Kunjesh Trivedi for an outstanding year as our new CFO. His dedication to the Borough of Norwood is greatly appreciated. It is no easy task to keep all of the Borough's finances in order. Thank you KJ.

What can I say about Camilo DiRese, DPW Superintendent and the entire DPW. 2011 was a year for the record books. With the Hurricane and October Snowstorm they worked they worked 6 days a week to get the town cleaned up before Christmas. It was no easy task and I thank them for what they do.

Without the efforts of Helen and John Guercio we would not be as successful as we are in fighting the mountain of tax appeals that we had. Thank you for your dedication to the people of Norwood.

Chief Krapels and the entire Norwood Police Dept, thank you for all they do in keeping the people of Norwood safe. And a special thanks to the Crossing Guards for keeping our children safe.

I would also like to thank, Paul Renaud, Construction Official, Lindsay Taglieri, Court Administrator and Alexandra Goodman, Board of Health Secretary/Registrar for their dedication and hard work.

Special thanks to all the members of the Norwood Fire Company and EMS who volunteer countless hours for the protection and well being of our residents. No amount of praise could express our gratitude for your dedication and devotion to Norwood.

Thanks to all the members of the Board of Health, Recreation Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Ethics Board, Library Board, Shade Tree, Affordable Housing, and Livingston Street Beautification for volunteering your time to make Norwood the great town it is.

A special thank you to all of the Borough's Professionals for the guidance and instruction they provide. Finally I want to thank you, the people of Norwood for entrusting me with the running of this Borough. I promise to continue to serve you in the most honest and loyal way I know how.

Let us keep in our prayers and remember those we have lost this year, especially our long time employee, John Straub.”

**Sine-Die:**

Following the State of the Borough Address, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to close this portion of the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close this portion of the meeting, Sine-Die. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

The Borough Clerk read the receipt of the Certificates of Election for Mayor Elect, James P. Barsa and Councilman Elect Barry Scott and Councilwoman Elect Marianne Orecchio.

Borough Clerk, Lorraine McMackin administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Mayor Barsa.

Mayor Barsa administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Council Members, Scott and Orecchio.

Mayor Barsa introduced his family and guests. He then stated the following goals and objectives for 2012: “It is my privilege and honor to serve as your Mayor and together with my colleagues on the Council and Borough employees, we will strive to meet the needs of you our neighbors. I look forward to building upon the foundation we set four years ago. I am happy that we finally see progress on Livingston Street and intend to complete phase one of the project by summer. The new construction will increase the tax ratable as well as providing additional stores and restaurants. I see Norwood's downtown as “The Jewel of the Valley”. With suggestions from Councilman Marino, the Recreation Committee has discussed expanding

their programs to increase community involvement. Some new programs to look for in the future are activities for seniors, adults and additional community events. And, don't forget Norwood Day, Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also at the urging of Councilman Marino, we have promoted Rob Tracy to Buildings and Grounds Foreman. Robbie did an outstanding job with the recreation fields last year and has some great ideas for this year. Congratulations Robbie on a job well done. We will continue to work with our Board of Education and neighboring towns to explore areas to share services and equipment to save money. The construction of the new sewer pump stations should begin in the spring with a completion date of early summer. This project is the result of a NJ DEP Infrastructure Trust Grant. We have also made application to NJ DOT for a Safe Routes to School grant to construct a sidewalk on Broadway leading to NVOT. These are just a few of our goals and objectives for 2012. Again, I thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families a very happy and healthy new year."

Mr. Scott thanked the Norwood Republican Organization and the voters for their confidence for electing him six times. Mr. Scott especially thanked his wife, Margie for her love and support.

Mrs. Orecchio thanked the residents of Norwood. She introduced her grandson Matthew, who held the bible for her during her swearing in. Mrs. Orecchio commended the volunteers in Norwood who help to make the town run smoothly and safely. She especially thanked the Tracy Family for their support and wished everyone a very happy new year.

Mayor Barsa asked for a roll call of the 2012 Borough Council:

Mayor Barsa	-	Present
Councilman Nicolai	-	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	-	Present
Councilman Scott	-	Present
Councilman Marino	-	Present
Councilman Rapaport	-	Present
Councilman Condoleo	-	Present

Mayor Barsa asked for a nomination for Council President. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to appoint Mr. Marino as Council President. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Marino who abstained.

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. Mr. Scott requested that a separate vote be taken on the appointment of the Historic Preservation Committee Members since his wife is being appointed to that Board and he feels he has a conflict. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the

Consent Agenda consisting of the following items excluding the appointments to the Historic Preservation Committee:

- 12:01 Approving the Rules and By-Laws dated July 2, 1968, supplemented and approved for 2012
- 12:02 Approving the Rules of Order
- 12:03 Setting the Time and Place for 2012 Mayor and Council Meetings
- 12:04 Minutes of Meetings need not be read by the Borough Clerk at Council Meetings
- 12:05 Designation of Official Newspapers
- 12:06 2012 Official Holidays
- 12:07 Establishing a Cash Management Plan
- 12:08 Designating 2012 Depositories
- 12:09 Fixing the Rate of Interest and Year End Penalty for non-payment of taxes
- 12:10 Appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi as Treasurer for the year 2012
- 12:11 Appointment of Carol Donovan, RMC as Deputy Clerk for the year 2012
- 12:12 Appointment of Kunjesh Trivedi, CTC as Official Tax Search Officer for the year 2012
- 12:13 Appointment of Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC as Official Municipal Improvement Searcher for the year 2012
- 12:14 Appointment of Janet Gallagher as Court Assistant for the Municipal Court for the year 2012
- 12:15 Appointment of Helen Guercio as Municipal Housing Liaison for the year 2012
- 12:16 Authorizing Bi-Weekly Payrolls
- 12:17 Appointment of Laura A. Nunnink, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2012
- 12:18 Appointment of Marc D. Ramundo, Esq. as Alternate Prosecutor for the year 2012
- 12:19 Appointment of Walter K. Schreyer, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2012
- 12:20 Appointment of Chief Jeffrey Krapels as Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2012 and appointing the Emergency Management Council
- 12:21 Appointing the County of Bergen as the Borough's Animal Control Officer for the year 2012
- 12:22 Appointing the County of Bergen as the "Service Provider" for Blood Borne Compliance and Training
- 12:23 Appointing Steven Wielkotch of Ferraioli, Wielkotch, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A. as Borough Auditor for a one-year term
- 12:24 Appointing Andrew T. Fede of Archer & Greiner PC as Borough Attorney for a one-year term
- 12:25 Appointing Douglas F. Doyle of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP as Borough Labor Attorney for a one-year term

- 12:26 Appointing Steve Rogut of Rogut, McCarthy, L.L.C. for a one-year term
- 12:27 Appointing Ruth Falkenstern, RMC as Risk Manager for the Borough of Norwood for a one-year term
- 12:28 Appointing Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC,CMC as Insurance Commissioner of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Carol Donovan, RMC as Alternate Insurance Commissioner
- 12:29 Appointing John Oddo, Recycling Coordinator at an annual salary of \$2,000.00
- 12:30 Appointing Mr. Donald Helmstetter as Special Appraiser for Tax Appeals for a one-year term
- 12:31 Appointing Valley Health Medical Group to provide the Alcohol & Drug Testing Services for the CDL Licenses
- 12:32 Appointing John Eller, 7 Amelia Drive, Old Tappan as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 12:33 Appointing Dart Computer as IT Consultant for a one-year term to expire on 12/31/12
- 12:34 Appointment of Kevin J. Doherty, New Jersey Technical Service, Inc. for Elevator Inspection Services
- 12:35 Appointing Acari and Iovino Architects PC as Borough Architect
- 12:36 Appointment of William McGuire as Fire Official for a two-year term to expire on 12/31/2013

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS**

**Board of Health:**

- Rae Ann Tuite, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14
- Elvira Caputo, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14
- Liz Krapels, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14
- Betty Bujas, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13 (Alt. #1)

**Ethics Board:**

- Larry Hageman, 5 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/2016
- James Elling, 5 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/2016
- John Rooney, 5 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/2016

**Recreation Committee:**

- Kevin Passante, 3Yr. Term Expires 12/31/14 (at-large)
- Robert Axenrod, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14 (at-large)
- Thomas McArthur, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14 (at-large)
- Joseph Saccoccio, 3 Yr. Term 12/31/14 (Soccer)

**Community Development Grant Advisory Committee:**

- Kanti Bhandari 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13
- Felix Garcia, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13

**Affordable Housing Board:**

Alexandra Betts, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Thomas Byrne, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Marianne Orecchio, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13

**Shade Tree Committee – 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12**

Camilo DiRese	Joseph London
David Elling	Allen T. Olsen
Harsha Patel	Doug Hahn

**Senior Citizen Advisory Committee 1 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/12**

Mayor Barsa	Charles Keating
Councilman Scott	Mary Ellen Walter
Martha Kleinlaut	John Yost
Paul Elenio	Lillian Galbornetti
Joyce Chiacchiaro	

**Special Patrolmen:**

**Class I**

Tom Tracy	Martin Clancy
Richard Sposa, Jr.	Perry Duelfer
John Kuder	Richard Bartlett

**Police Clerk/Matron:**

JoAnn Voccola	Kathy Goldrick
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**Police Physician:**

Company Medical Assoc:	Dr. Frank A. Franklin
Park Medical Group:	Dr. Peter Symington

**Towing Services:**

DTR Automotive/DTR Towing  
Northern Valley, Inc.      Northvale Body and Fender

**Bureau of Fire Safety Inspectors:**

William McGuire	Kenny Sheppard
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**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

Robert Trapani, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/15  
Nicholas Chiacchiaro, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/15  
John Straub, Alt. #1, 2 Yr. Term – 12/31/2013

**Livingston Street Beautification Committee:**

Barbara Altenbach	Joseph L. Ascolese	Jodi Rapaport
Allison Passante	Mike Leocota	Rob Tracy
John Comer	Helen Guercio	Denise Travers
Chief Jeff Krapels	John Straub	

**Crossing Guards for 2012**

Marilyn Burnet	Larry Grassi
Al Butti	Rita Paton
Michael Cheringal	Onofrio Savino
John Fanelli	Alice Sposa
Rocchitella Fanelli	Muriel Straub
Frank Ferrara	Robert Wojcik

**Alternates:**

Marie DiBlasio	Paul Iulo
Kathy Goldrick	Dennis Spafford
Sherry Grossman	Sally Watchman

**Green Team (Sustainable New Jersey)**

Mayor Barsa	Christine Hageman
David Hausmann	Robert Lewis
John Nicolai	John Oddo
Barbara Vanderbeck	

**2012 Council Committee Assignments:**

**Finance**

Condoleo (Chair)  
Orecchio  
Rapaport

**Personnel**

Rapaport (Chair)  
Orecchio  
Marino

**Property/Zoning**

Orecchio (Chair)  
Scott (Construction)  
Rapaport (Plan. Bd.)

**Public Health**

Marino (Chair)  
Nicolai  
Scott

**Public Safety**

Rapaport (Police)  
Condoleo (Fire)  
Orecchio (EMS)

**Public Utilities**

Marino (Chair)  
Condoleo  
Nicolai

**Public Works**

Nicolai (Chair)  
Scott  
Marino

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve the Consent Agenda. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve the appointment of the Historic Preservation Committee as follows:

**Historic Preservation Committee – 1 Yr. Terms Expire 12/31/12**

Ann Barnum                      Marjorie Scott  
David Elling                      Brigitha Tray  
Jim Elling                          Richard Williams

On the roll call vote, all Council Members voted for the appointments with the exception of Mr. Scott who abstained.

Mayor Barsa offered the following appointments not subject to Council approval:

**Environmental Commission:**

John Kirchoff, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14  
Dave Elling, 3 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/14  
John Oddo, Alt. #1, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13

**Planning Board:**

Helen Guercio, Class II, Annual, Expires 12/31/12  
Allen Rapaport, Class III, Member of Council, Term Expires 12/31/12  
John Comer, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/15  
Mike Leocata, Class IV, Un-Expired Term (12/31/14)  
Joe Korner, Class IV, 4 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/15  
Walter Deptuch, Alt. #1, 2 Yr. Term, Expires 12/31/13  
Tom Brizzolara, Alt. #2, Un-expired term (12/31/12)

Mayor Barsa announced his Liaison Appointments for 2012

Board of Education ..... Orecchio  
Board of Health..... Marino  
Community Development..... Scott  
Environmental Commission..... Nicolai  
Historic Preservation..... Condoleo  
Library ..... Scott  
Livingston St. Beautification ..... Barsa/Rapaport  
Recreation ..... Barsa  
Seniors..... Scott  
Senior Advisory Board..... Scott/Barsa  
Shade Tree ..... Nicolai

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve Resolution 12:37 appointing Mr. Robert Travers, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Marino to approve Resolution 12:37. Following questions regarding the appointment, Mr. Scott moved to table the appointment until a later date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Condoleo. On the roll call vote to table the appointment:

Ayes:                      Scott and Condoleo

Nays: Nicolai, Orecchio, Marino and Rapaport

Since there were only two affirmative votes the motion was not approved.

On the roll call vote to approve Resolution 12:37:

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

With four (4) affirmative votes and two (2) nays Resolution 12:37 was approved.

Mayor Barsa issued the oath of office to Judge Travers.

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio that Resolution 12:38 (Temporary Budget) be approved. On the roll call vote:

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

With an affirmative vote of six members of the Governing Body, the Temporary Budget was adopted.

Mayor Barsa asked the Council if they had any reports or comments they wished to share with the Public.

Mr. Nicolai had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Scott had nothing to report at this time.

Mrs. Orecchio had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Marino had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Rapaport reported that he will be speaking with the developer of the Cost Cutter property on a monthly basis for updates as to his progress.

Mr. Condoleo congratulated the newly re-elected Mayor and Council Members on their hard fought victory.

There being no additional reports, it was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr.

Scott to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to adjourn the meeting. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC