

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

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 7:00 PM and led those in attendance in a salute to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance.

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 and Star Ledger, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk’s office and posting on the bulletin board.”

Roll Call:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Brizzolara	Present
Councilman Marino	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Ascolese	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Anthony Kurus	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. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio 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. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott 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 American Diabetes Association informing of the 2013 Tour de Cure bike event on May 10, 2014
2. Letter from American Cancer Society informing of the 27th Annual George Washington Bridge Challenge taking place on Sunday, June 8, 2014
3. Letter from Norwood Fire Department Co. No. 1, Inc. regarding those members who qualified for the L.O.S.A.P. Incentive Program
4. Letter from Norwood Public School informing of the moving of the Annual School Election to the November, General Election
5. Letter from Cablevision informing of the Borough's receipt of Franchise Fees in the amount of \$52,578
6. Letter from the BCUA informing that the Borough will receive \$561.94 from the 2013 BCUA Connection Fee Program

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 requested that the approval of the January 7, 2014 Reorganization Meeting Minutes be removed for a separate vote. There being no other request, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2014 Work/Executive Meeting.

- 14:49 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,144,776.78
- 14:50 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the Purchase and Installation of a Hybrid Fuel Management System
- 14:51 Approving Agreement for Construction Management Services for Kennedy Field Baseball Backstop
- 14:52 Approving Agreement for Construction Management Services for Livingston Street Streetscape Phase II
- 14:53 LOSAP Incentive Program, Norwood Fire Co., No. I, Inc. for Year 2013
- 14:54 Affirming Borough of Norwood role in the preparation of the Borough of Norwood's Wastewater Management Plan
- 14:55 Approving Agreement with Slack Environmental Services for Purchase/Installation of a 550 Gallon Waste Oil UST Upgrade

14:56 Granting Permission for American Diabetes Association to Conduct Annual Tour de Cure

14:57 Refund Tax Overpayment of Taxes on Block 41, Lot 1

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Consent Agenda Continued:

14:58 Refund Tax Overpayment of Taxes on Block 138, Lot 29

14:59 Authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers in the amount of \$5,000

14:60 Approving an Amendment to the Riverside Cooperative Agreement

14:61 Authorizing an Agreement with the BCUA for the Services of a Certified Recycling Professional

14:62 Granting permission for the American Cancer Society 27th Annual George Washington Bridge Challenge

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

Motion to approve the January 7, 2014 Reorganization Minutes was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Rapaport who abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:01

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

Authorizing the Acquisition of Construction and Sidewalk Easements on Property known as Block 100, Lots 12 and 13, in the Borough of Norwood and, if necessary, authorizing the institution of eminent domain proceedings

Mayor Barsa explained that since the introduction of this ordinance, the property owner has signed the Easement Agreement with the negotiated price of \$15,000. Therefore the ordinance is amended to replace the appraisal price with the negotiated price of \$15,000. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Ascolese and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to close the meeting to the public. The motion was declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 14:01 as amended was made by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Rapaport and Ascolese

Nays: None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 14:01 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

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Committee Reports:

Prior to the Committee reports being given, Mayor Barsa announced that the Borough's Lightning Detection System is fully operational.

Councilman Brizzolara

Fire Department:

Mr. Brizzolara read the Fire Department January Report (Attachment "A").

Personnel:

Mr. Brizzolara informed that the DPW and the Borough remain deadlocked on reaching an agreement for a new contract.

Councilman Marino

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino reported on that there were 2 births and no deaths in Norwood for the month of January.

Environmental Commission:

The EC and Green Team are soliciting sponsors for the combined Earth Day Celebration to be held April 26 at Kennedy Field. The EC has also prepared a DEP Application for the Fox Hill Trails Project. Mr. Paul Haberman is the newest member appointed to the Commission.

Councilwoman Orecchio

EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported being in receipt of the monthly report for January, Attachment "B".

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio announced that Northern Valley Board of Education is looking at alternate plans to address the drug abuse problem since scrapping the random drug testing policy. Norwood Public School teachers are still working without a contract and it was noted that the local or regional boards have not had a joint meeting in the past two years.

Councilman Scott

Construction Department:

The Construction Fee Log was submitted for the record, Attachment "C".

Library:

Mr. Scott advised that the renovations to the lower level of the Library are almost complete with the exception of a few punch list items.

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Councilman Rapaport:

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport presented the Police Department Monthly Report for the record (Attachment “D”).

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport reported that the Planning Board has begun discussion on revisions to the Master Plan.

Councilman Ascolese:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese commended the Department for clearing the roads during the past few storms. He said that he felt Norwood’s roads were the best on all of the roads he travels to work. He said that the new superintendent has had a very trying year with no cooperation from the weather.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk