

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 14, 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 7:03 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:

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

Also Present:

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| 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 Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Ms. Lisa Kurtz, 401 D’Ercole Court presented the governing body with copies of editorials that appeared in the Record, attachment “A” regarding CSX Railroad transporting oil on their rail lines especially the one that comes through Norwood. She expressed a concern for the safety of the residents of Norwood should one of these trains derail. It was suggested that this be brought to the attention of the Northern Valley Mayor’s Association at their next meeting.

There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Appointment of Electrical Sub-code Official

Mayor Barsa offered the name of Mr. James C. Hoffman to be appointed to fill the vacancy of Electrical Sub-code Official. Mr. Scott motioned to confirm the appointment, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. On the roll call vote, all Councilmembers present voted for the motion.

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (F.O.P.) Awareness Month

Mayor Barsa read the above proclamation for the record.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Norwood Fire Company No. 1 inviting the governing body to the 25th Annual Memorial Service on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM
2. Letter from Norwood Public School PTO request to erect temporary wooden signs and a banner announcing the Carnival from June 5-7th
3. Letter from the BCUA regarding the Sewer Connection Fee Municipal Incentive Program
4. Board of Health April Report
5. Fire Department April Report
6. EMS April Report
7. DPW April Report
8. Resolution from the Borough of Harrington Park encouraging protection of the New Jersey Palisades Viewshed

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 minutes of the April 30, 2014 Work/Executive Meeting be pulled for a separate vote. There being no additional request, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2014 Regular/Executive Meeting, April 2, 2014.

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 14:101 Authorizing the payment of Bills and Vouchers in the amount of \$3,638,542.18

Consent Agenda Continued:

14:102 Appointing Daniel B. Plescia, as a Fireman for Norwood Fire Co. No.

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14:103 Supporting Interest Arbitration Bill S-1869

14:104 Approving Peddler's and Solicitor's License to Timothy Squires

14:105 Approving Peddler's and Solicitor's License to Ahmad Yasin

14:106 Confirming the Appointment of James C. Hoffmann as Electrical
Sub-code Official

14:107 Affirming the Borough of Norwood's Civil Rights Policy

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

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve the April 30, 2014 Work/Executive Meeting Minutes. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Rapaport who abstained.

Introduction of Ordinance 14:08 entitled,

Ratifying and Confirming an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Jay Street in the Borough of Norwood

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve on first reading Ordinance 14:08. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:05:

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 91, Lot 12 in the Borough of Norwood and if necessary, authorizing the institution of eminent domain proceedings

It was moved by Mr. Ascolese 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. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport 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 14:05 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Marino, Scott, Rapaport and Ascolese

Nays: None
Absent: Orecchio

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Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:05 Continued

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 14:05 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:06 entitled,

An Ordinance entitled “Fixing Salaries, Wages and Compensation of Certain Employees of the Department of Public Works of the Borough of Norwood” for the years 2012-2015

It was moved by Mr. Ascolese 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. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Ascolese 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 14:06 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Marino, Scott, Rapaport and Ascolese
Nays: None
Absent: Orecchio

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 14:06 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Barsa

Recreation: Mayor Barsa asked for governing body approval for a charity baseball tournament to take place On May 24 and 25 to benefit handicap children. It was the consensus of governing body to approve the use. Mayor Barsa also asked for approval for John Avalone to use Kennedy Park from August 11-14 for a Baseball Clinic from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. It was the consensus of the governing body to also approve this use.

Livingston Street Beautification: Mayor Barsa reported that curbing on Jay Street should be completed within the next week.

Councilman Brizzolara
Personnel:

Mr. Brizzolara informed of the resignation of Mr. Trivedi as CFO/Tax Collector effective May 28, 2014 and wished him well. The positions have been advertised on the New Jersey League of Municipalities website.

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Councilman Brizzolara Continued:

Fire Department:

Mr. Brizzolara read the Fire Department April Report (Attachment “B”). Mr. Brizzolara reminded of the memorial service scheduled for Thursday, May 22 at the Fire House.

Councilman Marino

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino read the Board of Health Report for the month of April (Attachment “C”). He referenced a letter sent to the governing body regarding the adoption of an ordinance creating a “Smoke Free Environment” at all public buildings and recreation fields.

Environmental Commission:

During the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014 the Environmental Commission collected 3,500 pounds of electronics for recycling. They are finalizing all documents required for submission to Sustainable New Jersey to complete the Bronze status. Plans are underway for the cleanup of Fox Hill

Cultural Affairs:

An outdoor concert will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 7-9 PM. Peus Cash will be performing.

Councilwoman Orecchio

In the absence of Mrs. Orecchio, no report was given.

Councilman Scott

Construction Department:

The March Construction Fee Log was submitted for the record, Attachment “D”.

Library:

The Library will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, June 21st at 10 AM for the grand opening of the lower level.

Mr. Scott reminded that the Memorial Day Parade will take place at 11 AM on Monday, May 26th beginning at the Library. Refreshments will be served at the American Legion Building following the ceremonies.

Councilman Rapaport:

Police Department:

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

Planning Board:

The Planning Board did not meet in April, but work on the Master Plan is scheduled for later this year.

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Committee Reports Continued:

Councilman Ascolese:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese submitted the Road Department's monthly report for the record, Attachment "F". He reported that the demolition and site cleanup are complete and the department is looking into replacing the lost equipment. Mr. Ascolese requested that the governing body look over the two proposals for a replacement building. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the governing body to have the public works committee review the plans and make a recommendation.

General Public Comment:

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara 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. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Closed Session:

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to approve Resolution 14:108 authorizing the governing body to go into closed session for the purpose of conducting promotional review for the Norwood Police Department. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Upon reconvening in open session, Mayor Barsa offered the following promotions within the Norwood Police Department:

Captain: Perry Buongiorno

Sergeants: Sal Russino, Chris Federici, John Amatucci and Paul Kapu

Mr. Rapaport motioned, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to confirm the Mayor's appointments, Resolutions 14:109, 14:110, 14:111, 14:112 and 14:113 respectively. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk