

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JULY 16, 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 7:05 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.

Mayor Barsa issued the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Officer Nicholas Moltzen. Mayor Barsa welcomed Officer Moltzen to the “Norwood Family”. This was followed by a round of applause.

Mayor Barsa invited the Governing Body to the Grand Opening of Ragazzi Restaurant on Thursday, July 17, 2014 from 5-7 PM.

Mayor Barsa informed that Carter Street and the parking lots off of Livingston Street have been paved. All of the new decorative lights have been installed on Livingston Street and the Borough is waiting for the contractor to connect them. The new cameras have been placed on the traffic lights at the intersection of Livingston Street and Broadway. The cameras were paid for by the County.

**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. There being no member wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Women's Club of Norwood and Northvale thanking the Mayor and Council and the DPW for the planting they designed for the tree that was planted in memory of Helen Guercio
2. DPW June Monthly Report
3. Fire Department June Monthly Report
4. EMS June Call Volume Report
5. Letter from NJSLOM informing of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame
6. Letter from NVRHS introducing Mr. Larry Hughes as the Interim Superintendent of Schools
7. Letter from PSEG updating the Mayor and Council on the different programs that they offer to their customers
8. Norwood Police Department June Report

**Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Barsa reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any Council Member wished to remove an item. There being no request, Mayor Barsa called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2014 Regular/Executive Meeting and the June 25, Work Session

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 14:134 Authorizing a Temporary Emergency Appropriation in the amount of \$100,040.00
- 14:135 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,943,214.51
- 14:136 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the Request for Quotations for the Repair/Reseal of the Kennedy Park Basketball Court
- 14:137 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract with Bergen County for the Kennedy Park Shuffle Board Court
- 14:138 Authorizing the CFO to void checks and issue stop payments

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**Consent Agenda Continued:**

- 14:139 Supporting passage of Assembly Bill A900 regarding stream cleaning, de-silting and de-snagging
- 14:140 Authorizing Mariner’s Bank to transfer funds to other banks or other financial institutions for credit to parties designated by the Borough of Norwood

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve the Consent Agenda. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Marino who voted no.

**Introduction of Ordinance 14:10 entitled:**

*AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE AND METHOD OF COMPENSATION FOR THE POLICE CAPTAIN EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2014*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve on first reading Ordinance 14:10. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, July 30, 2014.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:09 entitled,**

*Authorizing the Sale of Property Known as Block 177, Lot 1.02, Ct. 612, 612 D’Ercole Court*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara 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 14:09 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Brizzolara**

Personnel:

Mr. Brizzolara informed that Friday will be the last day for Ms. Julie Falkenstern, Technical Assistant in the Building Department. She has taken a position with the Borough of Park Ridge. The committee is presently looking for someone to fill the vacancy.

Fire Department:

Mr. Brizzolara read the Fire Department May Report (Attachment “A”) and he updated on the progress of the refurbishment of the Hahn Pumper.

**Councilman Marino**

Mr. Marino had nothing to report at this time.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the May Report, Attachment “B”.

**Councilman Scott**

Library:

Mr. Scott thanked the DPW for their assistance with the leak in the roof at the Library.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport offered the Borough’s sympathy to the family of Police Officer Santiago and asked everyone to remember them in their prayers. Mr. Rapaport reported that the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office commended Chief Krapels and the River Vale Acting Chief for work they did on a recent drug bust.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board is not scheduled to meet until August. Mr. Rapaport commended Mayor Barsa with expediting the work on Livingston Street and said that he would do his part to get Livingston Street paved in August.

**Councilman Ascolese:**

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese submitted the Road Department’s monthly report for the record, Attachment “C”.

**General Public Comment:**

It was moved by Mr. Ascolese and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mr. Dominick Congiusti, President of Norwood Fire Company No. 1 thanked Chief Krapels and Borough Clerk/Administrator Lorraine McMackin for their assistance in completing OSHA reports.

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 Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Closed Session:**

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 14:141 authorizing the governing body to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing public safety issues. 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 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk