

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 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	Absent
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Ascolese	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Dan Kaufman	Borough Engineer
Judith Curran	Chief Financial Officer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits and requested that all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Margaret Ross, 650 Broadway, referred to the lack of development at the old Cost Cutters site. She advised taking the suggestion of the governing body and attempted to contact the developer without success. Mayor Barsa explained that several property maintenance violations were cited and if they are not cured within the specified time, summonses would be issued and the developer would have to appear in Municipal Court. He continued that he would follow up with the Property Maintenance Officer once he returns from vacation. Mayor Barsa advised that he has observed work going on at the site everyday with the exception of yesterday. In response to Ms.

Ross' question concerning the Municipal Court Judge's conflict of interest, Mayor Barsa advised there would have to be a change of venue.

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No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. DPW July Monthly Report
2. Fire Department July Monthly Report
3. Construction Department July Permit Fee Log
4. Police Department July Monthly Report
5. Letter from United Water informing that Inline Services will be replacing residential water meters over the next few months
6. Letter from NJ DEP regarding the Shade Tree Act
7. Letter from the City of Garfield in support of 100% smoke-free municipal parks and recreation areas
8. NJSLOM Annual Audit Statements
9. Resolutions from the Boroughs of Edgewater and Oakland in Support of A900 Loosening Restrictions on Stream Cleaning
10. Letter from Kathleen A. Donovan, Bergen County Executive informing of the Borough's award of \$2,500 from Community Development Block Grant funds
11. August 2014 BCUA Recycling Update
12. Letter from Bergen County Community Development informing of the annual application workshop for the Community Development Block Grant funding for 2015

**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 July 16, 2014 Regular/Executive Meeting and the July 30, Work/Executive Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 14:153 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,648,647.28
- 14:154 Appointing Charles Anders Class 1B Special Police Officer
- 14:155 Appointing Joseph Palazzola as Class 1B Special Police Officer
- 14:156 Appointing Michael Hertz as Class 1B Special Police Officer
- 14:157 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
- 14:158 Approving Peddler's and Solicitor's License to W.B. Mason

14:159 Approving Peddler's and Solicitor's License to William Reid Painting

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**Consent Agenda (cont'd):**

- 14:160 Approving Peddler's and Solicitor's License to Power Home Remodeling
- 14:161 Authorizing Under State Contract No. A76350 the purchase of four 9 ft. Pro Plus Western Snow Plows for the Department of Public Works
- 14:162 Supporting A900 Loosening Restriction on Stream Cleaning
- 14:163 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Resurfacing of the Kennedy Field Basketball Court to The Tennis Court People
- 14:164 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien Certificate
- 14:165 Authorizing Purchase of one John Deere Backhoe Loader

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

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:11 entitled,**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio 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. Scott 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 14:11 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 14:11 was adopted and will take effect after the 20-day estoppel period following publication of the ordinance.

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**Introduction of Ordinance 14:12 entitled,**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$247,688 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH  
(Resolution 14:166)

Motion of introduction was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. The Public Hearing on this Ordinance will be held August 27, 2014.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Brizzolara**

Fire Department:

Mr. Brizzolara advised he was in receipt of the July Fire Department monthly report (Attachment "A").

Personnel:

Mr. Brizzolara reported that applications have been received and interviews are underway for the Building Department Technical Assistant.

**Councilman Marino**

In the absence of Councilman Marino, no report was given.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported 33 calls were made during the month of July.

Board of Education:

The Board is discussing the possibility of requesting Summit Street be made one-way. They also approached Immaculate Conception Church about using the Church parking lot during school hours. However, according to Fr. Leo, the Archdiocese of Newark is asking a fee of approximately \$18,000.00 a year.

**Council President Scott**

Construction Office:

Council President Scott advised he is in receipt of the Permit Fee Log Report for the month of July (Attachment "B").

Library:

Mr. Scott reported that the contractor still has not replaced the broken door and that the DPW Superintendent will examine the roof.

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**Councilman Rapport**

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport commended Norwood Officer Thomas Russo and Englewood Cliffs Officer Mark Krapels for their heroism in removing a female driver from her underwater automobile during a recent heavy rainstorm. He reported being in receipt of the Department's monthly report for the month of July.

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport announced that the Planning Board will meet on August 21, 2014 with the D'Ercole Farm Subdivision an agenda item.

**Councilman Ascolese**

DPW:

Mr. Ascolese referred to the DPW monthly report (Attachment "C").

At this time Mayor Barsa made the following announcements:

- Livingston Street Phase II is almost complete.
- A property maintenance program for Livingston Street is being prepared.
- On September 18, 2014 Cho Dae Church will hold its annual golf outing. During the last five years, they have raised \$100,000.00 benefitting Recreation, the Fire Department and EMS.
- Norwood Day is September 20, 2014 and will feature "Tramps Like Us' a Springsteen Tribute Band.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk