

**MINUTES  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
PUBLIC MEETING  
July 3, 2007**

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 8:05 PM.

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

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 Press Journal on January 11, 2007, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk’s office and posting on the bulletin board.”

Roll Call:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Brizzolara	Present
Councilman Knigin	Present
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Guercio	Present
Councilwoman Senatore	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Chris Taverna	Borough Engineer
Matt Neuls	Borough Engineer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. June 12, 2007 letter from Vantage Health Systems thanking the Borough of Norwood for their \$2,000.00 contribution
2. June 12, 2007 letter from the Borough of Closter informing the Borough of their Electronic Equipment Recycling 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. No Council Member requested an item be removed. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- Approval of the minutes of May 30, June 13, 2007 Work/Executive Session and June 6, 2007 Public Meeting
- 07:109 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 07:110 Appointing Councilman Scott as Municipal Representative for Open Space Committee
- 07:111 Authorizing a settlement of tax appeals of Norwood Gardens LLC
- 07:112 Awarding contract for 2006 Handicap Ramp Improvements to JAK Construction, t/a Diamond Construction in the amount of \$62,080.00
- 07:113 Authorizing the hiring of Mr. Frank Edwards as a temporary employee for the DPW at an hourly salary of \$11.00
- 07:114 Authorizing the hiring of Mr. Joe Padula as a temporary employee for the DPW at an hourly salary of \$11.00
- 07:115 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for a reduction of \$71,412.70 for the Broad Street Beautification Project, Contractor, 4-Clean Up
- 07:116 Appointing Councilman Barry Scott as the Borough's Representative to participate on the Community Development Regional Committee
- 07:117 Chapter 159 inserting \$6,981.00 as revenue from the County of Bergen Forfeited funds MEA
- 07:118 Authorizing the sale of a surplus lawn mower to Holy Family Interparochial School for \$1.00
- 07:119 Endorsing an application for a County of Bergen, Department of Parks, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, 2008 History Grant Program in the amount of \$2,000 by the Norwood Historical Society

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.

**Introduction of Ordinance 07:29**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:29 for Council action entitled:

**AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO GRANT TO THE  
MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST A CONSERVATION  
EASEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY IN THE AREA KNOWN AS  
FOX HILL IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

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It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Knigin to introduce this ordinance on its first hearing. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa informed that the public hearing on this ordinance would be held on August 7, 2007.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 07:12:**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:12 for Council action entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 222 OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD REGULATING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC  
TO MODIFY THE STOP INTERSECTION AT MEADOW LANE AND  
GARNETT PLACE**

Mr. Scott offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 07:12 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Knigin with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 07:13:**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:13 for Council action entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168 OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD ESTABLISHING FEES FOR  
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Mr. Brizzolara offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 07:13 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Knigin with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

**Public Hearing of the following Ordinances:**

Mayor Barsa informed that Ordinances 07:15 and 07:26 will be removed for separate action, but the following ordinances will be heard as a Consent Agenda item:

- 07:14 VACATING A PORTION OF FIFTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:16 VACATING A PORTION OF EIGHTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:17 VACATING A PORTION OF NINTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:18 VACATING A PORTION OF TENTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:19 VACATING A PORTION OF ELEVENTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:20 VACATING A PORTION OF TWELFTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:21 VACATING A PORTION OF THIRTEENTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:22 VACATING A PORTION OF FOURTEENTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:23 VACATING PORTIONS OF MADISON AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:24 VACATING A PORTION OF SCHARF STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:25 VACATING PORTIONS OF FIFTH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

Mr. Scott offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Sophie Heymann, Mayor of the Borough of Closter questioned the legality of the public hearing on these ordinances since the Borough of Closter was not properly notified. Mr. Andrew Fede, Borough Attorney read the statute regarding proper notice and advised the Mayor and Council that the Borough could proceed with the hearings.

No one else wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Knigin to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Guercio to approve Ordinances 07:14, 07:16-07:25. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Knigin, Scott and Guercio

Nays: Senatore and Condoleo

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There being four (4) ayes and two (2) nays, the ordinances were finally adopted and will take effect upon signing and publication in the Press Journal.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 07:15:**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:15 for Council action entitled:

**VACATING A PORTION OF SEVENTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

Mr. Scott offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knigin with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Howard Kaplan, Esq. with a practice in Teaneck, New Jersey questioned if the Mayor and Council had amended this ordinance since his client would be landlocked by the street vacation. Mr. Fede, Borough Attorney replied that the ordinance had been changed to respect Mr. Kaplan's request and that in his opinion the change was minimal and the Council could adopt this ordinance this evening. Mr. Kaplan thanked the Mayor and Council for addressing his concerns.

No one else wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Guercio and seconded Mr. Condoleo to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 07:15 was made by Mr. Knigin and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 07:26:**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:26 for Council action entitled:

**VACATING A PORTION OF BLANCH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

Mr. Knigin offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Arthur Goldberg, 75 Harvard Street, Closter informed that he was a member of the Closter Environmental Commission and Historian. Mr. Goldberg requested that the Mayor and Council consider further negotiations with the Borough of Closter before adopting this ordinance. Mr. Goldberg explained that Blanch Avenue is a post revolutionary road comprised of land donated by farmers. Mr. Goldberg opposes the vacation of Blanch Avenue and would like it to remain on the maps.

Mayor Sophie Heymann, Closter also spoke in opposition to the vacation of Blanch Avenue and questioned whether the Borough would have to give half of the road to the adjoining property owners. Mr. Fede, Borough Attorney said he would look into that question. Mayor Heymann requested that the Borough of Norwood work with Closter.

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Councilman Scott informed that it was the intention of the Borough to vacate that portion of Blanch Avenue to prevent it from ever being improved and that he had no objection to Blanch Avenue being labeled Blanch Avenue Trail on future maps.

Councilman Knigin questioned how the Borough of Closter is affected by the vacation of Blanch Avenue.

Mayor Heymann informed that Closter would like to see a bridge built across the Dwar Kill. Councilman Scott replied that the Borough's first priority was to preserve the land and then the Borough would look into constructing a bridge.

Mr. Steve Isaacson a member of the Closter Environmental Commission also spoke out in opposition to the Blanch Avenue vacation.

No one else wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded Mr. Knigin to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Mrs. Senatore and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to carry the adoption of this ordinance until the August 7, 2007 Public Hearing. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa invited the Borough of Closter to the next Mayor and Council work session to further discuss this ordinance.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 07:27:**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:27 for Council action entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 233 THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD TITLED ZONING REGARDING OFF  
STREET PARKING**

Mr. Brizzolara offered a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guercio with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Guercio to approve Ordinance 07:27. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Scott, Guercio, Senatore and Condoleo

Nays: Knigin

There being five (5) ayes and one (1) nay, the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon signing and publication in the Press Journal.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Brizzolara:**

Quiet Zones:

Mr. Brizzolara informed that the Borough is moving forward with the Wayside Horns by entering into a preliminary engineering study with CSX Railroad. Mr. Brizzolara invited Closter to look into creating a quiet zone at their railroad crossing.

Mr. Brizzolara questioned what progress if any has been made with the developer on Tappan Road and Hudson Avenue. Mr. Matt Neuls, Neglia Engineering informed that the developer has submitted revised plans that are under review by Neglia Engineering.

Mr. Brizzolara requested that the Council discuss the Municipal Audit at the next work session.

**Councilman Knigin:**

Beautification Committee:

Mr. Knigin informed that the next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 17. The committee is presently comprised of 15 members. Mr. Knigin said he would be attending a meeting with Bergen County to discuss the narrowing of Livingston Street.

**Council President Scott:**

Zoning:

Mr. Scott referenced a letter received from the Borough Attorney pertaining to patios and requested that this be discussed at the next work session.

**Councilman Guercio:**

Department of Public Works: Mr. Guercio announced that two individuals have been hired as summer employees to help cover for vacations. Mr. Guercio also invited the public to attend the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration tomorrow night.

**Councilwoman Senatore:**

Mrs. Senatore read the Police Department Monthly Report and informed that there will be a Family Movie Night on September 29 with popcorn, hot dogs and soda being served free of charge. This is being sponsored by DARE.

It was moved by Mrs. Senatore and seconded by Mr. Guercio to authorize the Chief of Police to move forward with police promotions. A lengthy discussion ensued. On the roll call vote:

Ayes:                 Senatore and Guercio  
Nays:                 Brizzolara, Knigin, Scott and Condoleo

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With a vote of four (4) nays and two (2) ayes the motion was defeated. Mayor Barsa requested that this item be placed on the July 18, 2007 work session agenda.

**General Public Comment:**

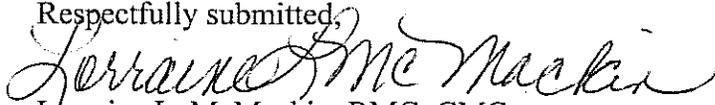
It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to open the meeting to the public for comment. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

An unidentified woman questioned the vacation of Madison Avenue. She was informed of the portion of Madison Avenue that was vacated.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Guercio, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

At 9:18 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk