

**MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
PUBLIC MEETING
June 6, 2007**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held at Fox Hill Manor 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 and asked those present to remember the brave men and women who lost their lives 63 years ago during the invasion of Normandy.

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	Absent
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Guercio	Present
Councilwoman Senatore	Absent
Councilman Condoleo	Present

Also Present:

Nilufer DeScherer	Borough Attorney
Michael Neglia	Borough Engineer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits.

Presentation: Knights of Columbus to present “Police Officer of the Year – Statewide” to Police Officer Salvatore Russino

Mr. Carl Buscher, Grand Knight, Immaculate Conception Council 9021, Knights of Columbus read a prepared statement (Attachment “A”) and presented Officer Russino with a plaque.

Public Comment:

The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting aye.

Mr. Greg Salerno, 401 D’Ercole Court requested that a sign be placed along McClellan Street regarding littering since garbage is being thrown out of vehicles onto the road. Mayor Barsa asked Mr. Guercio to reach out to Mr. DiRese, Superintendent DPW.

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Mrs. Martha Kleinlaut thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Senior Citizen Club for their continued support.

Al Hess, President Norwood Swim Club informed the public that the Swim Club allows Norwood Senior Citizens to use the Club facilities daily for \$4/day.

There being no other 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 with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

Flag Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress of the United States dated June 14, 1777, the first official Flag of the United States was adopted; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14th of each year was designated “national Flag Week”; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1982 the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to **PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** on Flag Day, June 14th.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress Public Law 99-54 was passed to have the **PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day celebrates our Nation’s symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our Country’s devotion to freedom, to rule of all, and to equal rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, do hereby proclaim

JUNE 14, 2007 As FLAG DAY

and urge all citizens of the Borough to pause at 7:00 PM on this date for the twenty-fifth annual **PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the Flag and join all Americans in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.

SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS** Scleroderma is a chronic, degenerative autoimmune disease that predominantly affects women in the prime of their lives, but impacts children and men as well; and
- WHEREAS** Autoimmune diseases including Scleroderma are one of the top four causes of disability of women over fifteen and under age sixty-five; and
- WHEREAS** It can take three or more years for an individual to be diagnosed and receive appropriate treatment, leading to higher medical costs and government spending; and
- WHEREAS** There is more hope for those with Scleroderma to live a normal life today than there was five years ago due to the development of medications and ongoing clinical trials; and
- WHEREAS** The month of June has been designated national Scleroderma Awareness Month, with patient education, patient support and research the three-fold mission of the Scleroderma foundation, Tri-State Chapter (covering New York, New Jersey and Connecticut);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, James P. Barsa, do hereby proclaim June 2007 as **SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH** in the Borough of Norwood, and urge all employees and residents to participate in our Borough’s effort to become better educated on the subject of Scleroderma.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is a neuro-muscular disease striking children and adults, affecting control of voluntary muscles and afflicting several hundred of our fellow New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of this disorder include, but are not limited to, difficulty moving, breathing, swallowing, speaking and seeing; and

WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis foundation of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded “to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by myasthenia gravis and closely related disorders, and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy, and patient care;” and

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is the most common neuromuscular disorder affecting the residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the many physicians who demonstrate an untiring effort to treat this disease and search for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2007 as MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter of Commendation for Patrolman Stephen Henrici
2. Letter to the Editor, Mayor Heymann, Re: Closter Fire
3. Resolutions from other towns

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 April 11, May 16, 2007 Work/Executive Session and May 1, 2007 Public Meeting
- 07:96 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 07:97 Authorizing the Borough Attorney to file In-Rem Tax Foreclosures for properties located in the Borough
- 07:98 Authorizing a refund to Mr. James Macagna, 22 Brook Way, Demarest in the amount of \$2,000 for Liquor License No. 0241-33-004-004 2007 Renewal Fee
- 07:99 Approving the expansion of the Snack Bar at Norwood Swim Club and waiving the permit and inspection fees

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- 07:100 Authorizing the purchase of the Central Woods Trail Sign from H6 Innovations in the amount of \$3,680.00
- 07:101 Appointing Jason Shepard, 176 Firenze Street, Northvale as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1, Post 911
- 07:102 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to enter into a Municipal Snow Plow Agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2007-2008 snow plowing season
- 07:103 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with CSX Transportation for the installation of Wayside Horns at Blanch Avenue and Broadway
- 07:104 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 a decrease of \$324.70 for the Broad Street Beautification Project to 4 Clean-up, Inc.

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

Introduction 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

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara 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 July 3, 2007.

Introduction of Ordinances 07:13 through 07:26

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him thirteen ordinances dealing with the vacation of roads within the Central Woods that will be read and then voted upon with one motion. The Ordinances are as follows:

- 07:13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD ESTABLISHING FEES FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**
- 07:14 VACATING A PORTION OF FIFTH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**
- 07:15 VACATING A PORTION OF SEVENTH 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
- 07:26 VACATING A PORTION OF BLANCH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve Ordinances 07:13 through 07:26 on their first reading. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa informed that the public hearing on these ordinances would be held on July 3, 2007.

Introduction of 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

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott 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 July 3, 2007.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 07:10:

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:10 for Council action entitled:

AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD TO MODIFY AND RE-DESIGNATE SECTION 231-13 REQUIRING CHANGE OF USE APPROVAL

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.

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A motion to adopt Ordinance 07:10 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo 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 07:11:

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:11 for Council action entitled:

**VACATING AND RELOCATING PORTIONS OF A
DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOT 1.01 BLOCK 18 IN THE
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

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

Mr. John Jost, 125 Glenn Avenue requested an explanation on this ordinance. Mayor Barsa explained that a request was made by the property owner to relocate a drainage easement to allow for the construction of a pool. After review by the Borough Engineer, Planning Board and Environmental Commission no reason to deny the request was found.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Brizzolara:

Mr. Brizzolara gave an update regarding the installation of Wayside Horns and explained the resolution that was passed this evening will allow CSX to do a preliminary engineering study on the two crossings.

Mr. Brizzolara requested that the Council form a committee to work on the redevelopment of Livingston Street.

Councilman Knigin: In the absence of Mr. Knigin no reports were given.

Council President Scott:

Library:

Mr. Scott informed that Library usage is up.

Councilman Guercio:

Board of Health: The Board of Health recently passed an ordinance requiring all nail and hair salons to be licensed. To date ten of the eleven establishments have complied with the ordinance and paid a fee and received their licenses.

Department of Public Works: Mr. Guercio announced that the Brush pick-up schedule that was recently changed will no longer be in effect. Brush will be picked up as it has been in the past.

Councilwoman Senatore:

In the absence of Mrs. Senatore no reports were given.

Councilman Condoleo:

Recreation: The stanchions for the new score board have been erected. The new board should be installed within the next few days.

Fire Department: Attended the Memorial Service at the fire house recently and thanked all of the volunteers for their dedication.

Finance: The department is moving forward on finalizing the process whereby checks will be scanned into the computer allowing for the deposit of only cash going to the bank. This will allow the Borough to realize an additional \$11,000 in interest for 2007. No significant expenditures were anticipated for the month.

Presentation followed by Question and Answer Period from Norwood Emergency Services:

Mayor Barsa invited Jeff Krapels, Police Chief to speak on the Borough's Emergency Management Planning. Chief Krapels outlined the Borough's plan in the event of an emergency and how the plan is implemented and carried out. The next speaker on the subject was EMS Chief Hess who outlined how Norwood EMS responds during an emergency. Chief Hess also informed the public of the ICE Program and handed out the registration forms. The last speaker regarding emergencies was Fire Chief Hess who spoke regarding a fire at Fox Hill and what steps are to be taken in the event of an evacuation. Chief Hess instructed the residents to remain in their units and await rescue from the Fire Department unless their unit or hallway were smoke filled. Chief Hess also left informational brochures for the residents.

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.

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street commented about the importance of emergency planning and implementation.

Mr. Murray Bass, Piermont Road asked if McClellan Street was the only ingress and egress into the Fox Hill area. He was informed that there are two other streets that may be accessed through Northvale.

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A question was posed that in the event of an emergency and a train is blocking the crossing who would respond. Chief Krapels explained how Mutual Aid works.

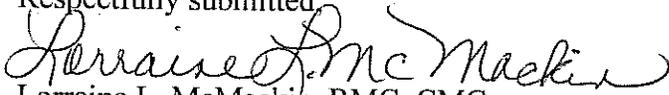
Mr. Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court wanted to know if Fox Hill Manor should conduct fire drills. Fire Chief Hess volunteered to help the Manor with a fire drill. Chief Hess also invited the audience to view the video he brought for them. Mr. Salerno thanked the Chiefs for their presentation and knowledge.

An unidentified resident questioned the licensing of practitioners at hair and nail salons. Mayor Barsa explained that all practitioners must wear a picture license that they have received from the Police Department.

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 9:00 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackih, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk

ATTACHMENT "A"

Remarks by Carl T. Buscher, *Grand Knight*, Immaculate Conception Council
9021, Knights of Columbus. Tel. 201-768-8339

Presentation to Police Officer Salvatore Russino at Norwood
Mayor and Council meeting June 6, 2007.

Mr. Mayor, members of the Borough Council, Chief Krapels
and ladies and gentlemen.

At our annual Christmas party last December, the Knights of
Columbus presented its local ***Shield Award*** to two police officers –
Salvatore Russino of Norwood and Robert Pizzi of Northvale – who,
while locating a speeding driver on Summit Street, worked together
to stop that local juvenile from taking his own life. They showed
tremendous professionalism, restraint and dedication to duty.

As is our usual practice, the local council entered the names
of these two officers to the New Jersey State Knights of Columbus
for consideration as ***New Jersey's Police Officers of the Year***.
We are very pleased to report that at our recent State Convention in
Wildwood it was announced that officers Russino and Pizzi had been
selected to receive this distinguished honor.

Therefore, Mr. Mayor, it is my pleasure to present this plaque to
to Norwood Police Officer **Salvatore Russino** in recognition of his
outstanding service. How proud we are in Norwood to have officers
of this caliber in our Police Department.

Officer Russino, Mayor Barsa, Chief Krapels, please join
me here for the presentation.

I will present the same award to Northvale Officer **Robert Pizzi**
at the next meeting of the Mayor and Council there.

Thank you.