

**MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
PUBLIC MEETING
September 4, 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 (left at 8:20 p.m.)
Councilman Condoleo	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Matt Neuls	Borough Engineer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits.

Mayor Barsa welcomed everyone to the public meeting and invited them to join the Council outside for the dedication of the bench and cherry trees to Greg Wishik and Linda Vechesky. Both of these individuals were very active with Norwood Baseball and Soccer and their untimely passing left a void within the Borough.

Councilwoman Senatore did not return from the dedication.

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.

Mrs. Robyn Giaccone, 45 Kensington Avenue wanted to know the status of complaint the that was filed in the spring regarding a drainage pipe from the Wiggers' property on Blanch Avenue. The drainage system was installed to allow storm water runoff to the rear of the Wiggers' property and onto the properties along Kensington

Public Comment Continued:

Avenue. Mrs. Giaccone informed that she had opened a case with the DEP and is still waiting for a meeting to be scheduled between herself, the Mayor and the Borough Engineer. Mayor Barsa said he would look into this and get back to Mrs. Giaccone to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Tony Foschino, 48 Burlington Street complained to the Mayor and Council about the property on Belden and Brook Street owned by Mr. Ghia. Mr. Foschino showed the Mayor and Council pictures (Attachment "A") that he took of the warehouse and property. Mr. Foschino expressed concern for the material stored in the warehouse and whether Mr. Ghia has a Certificate of Occupancy for that building. In regard to the property, Mr. Foschino questioned if Mr. Ghia received DEP approval to place dirt on his property that came from another town. Also, Mr. Foschino said he thought the building housing the Goddard School was encroaching on the Penfield (a paper street). The Mayor requested that Councilman Scott reach out to the Construction Official to investigate the complaints.

No other 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. Knigin and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter dated August 10, 2007 from Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk acknowledging Resolution supporting PARIS grant funding
2. Fire Department July Monthly Report
3. Letter dated August 28, 2007 from Paul A. Hoelscher, Mayor, Borough of Harrington Park announcing Regional Meeting on Common CSX Railroad Safety and Quiet Zone issues to be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7 PM, Harrington Park Borough Hall

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 August 7, 2007 Public Meeting
- 07:141 Payment of Bills and Vouchers (to be prepared by CFO)
- 07:142 Appointing School Crossing Guards and School Crossing Guard Alternates for a one-year term from September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
- 07:143 Appointing Ryan A. Leggett as an Explorer for Norwood Fire

Co., No. 1, Explorer Post 911

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 07:144 Authorizing Neglia Engineering Associates to prepare plans and specifications and the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the 2007 Road Improvement Program a
- 07:145 Authorizing the release of \$33,539.00 maintenance bond posted for Robert Ghia and Norwood West Associates Developer's Agreement re Block 145, Lots 10 and 11 and Block 146, Lot 1
- 07:146 Granting permission for Somerset Road residents to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 12 Noon to 8:00 PM
- 07:147 Authorizing Municipal Clerk to issue raffles licenses Nos. 07:11 and 07:12 to the Woman's Club of Norwood/Northvale
- 07:148 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to issue raffles licenses Nos. 07:13, 07:14 and 07:15 to Bergen Catholic Athletic Association

Mayor Barsa requested that Resolution 07:145 be removed from the Consent Agenda pending further investigation into Mr. Foschino's complaint. The Council agreed with Mayor Barsa's request. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Knigin to approve the Consent Agenda. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Brizzolara:

Mr. Brizzolara informed that the Personnel Committee will be meeting to discuss different personnel issues and that Mr. Knigin would have more information in his report.

Councilman Knigin:

Personnel Committee:

Mr. Knigin informed that the Personnel Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the position open in the Finance Office as well as the salary ordinance and contract proposals for employees.

Board of Education:

Mr. Knigin welcomed the children "Back to School".

Council President Scott:

Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

Councilman Guercio:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Guercio reported that the DPW is again cutting the ball fields behind Holy Family School.

Recreation:

Mr. Guercio informed that Norwood Baseball is seeking a check from the Borough of Norwood for \$7,500 to help with the cost of the batting cages. The Council will discuss this at the next work session.

Councilwoman Senatore:

In her absence no report was given.

Councilman Condoleo:

Recreation:

Mr. Condoleo informed that the proposed changes to the Recreation Committee's by-laws are under review by the Borough Attorney.

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department monthly report for July (Attachment "B"). Mr. Condoleo said he would like the Borough to consider health screenings to include blood pressure and diabetes screening for all firemen that volunteer in the Borough. This will be discussed at the next work session.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo reported that the Borough finances are in good shape and that the budget is right on target.

General Public Comment:

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

Mr. Michael Sprague, 247 Hudson Avenue addressed Mayor Barsa regarding a mailing that was sent by the Mayor to residents regarding the recent school addition. Mr. Sprague questioned the Mayor's support of the Referendum and subsequent construction. Mr. Sprague said that the facts in the letter were inaccurate. Mayor Barsa informed that he felt how he voted was not public record, but that he has always been supportive of the school system. A discussion took place regarding the addition to the school and whether or not it was over budget. Mr. Sprague explained about the contingency that was built into the construction budget and said that the construction is not over budget.

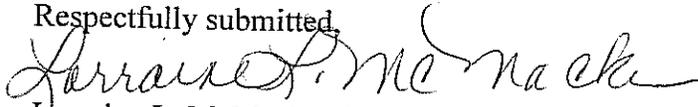
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Mr. Stuart Bran, 101 Aspen Court requested that the record show that Mr. Sprague is a candidate for Mayor.

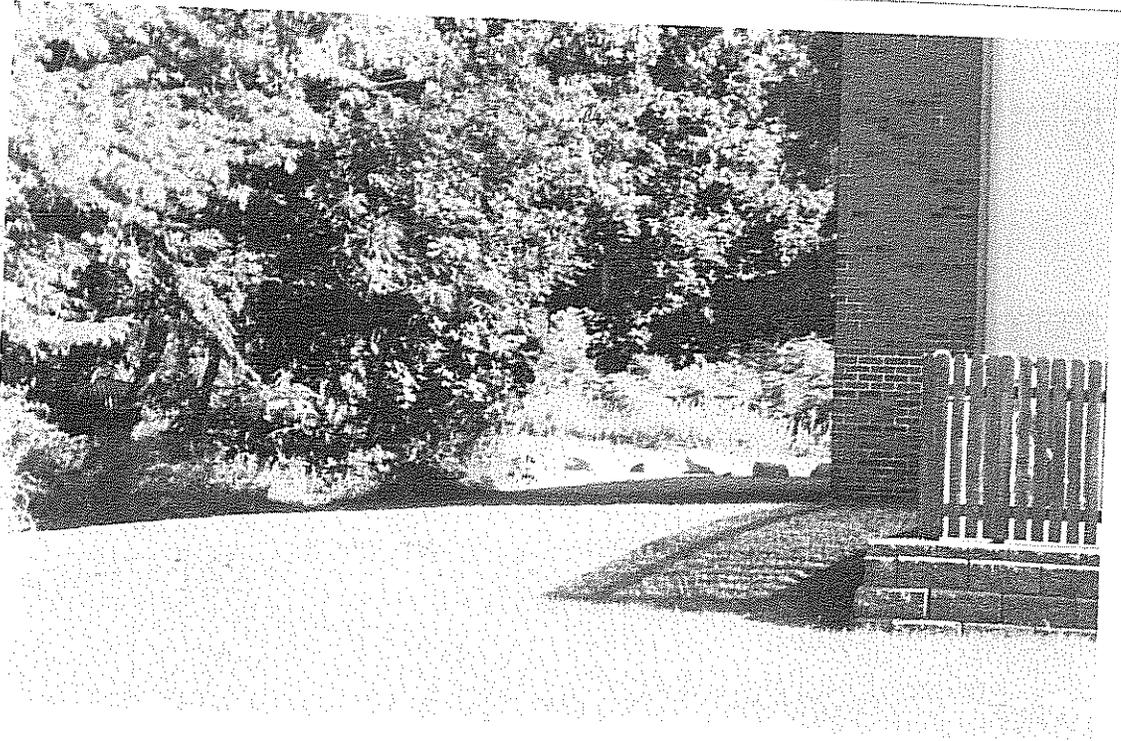
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At 8:55 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to adjourn with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

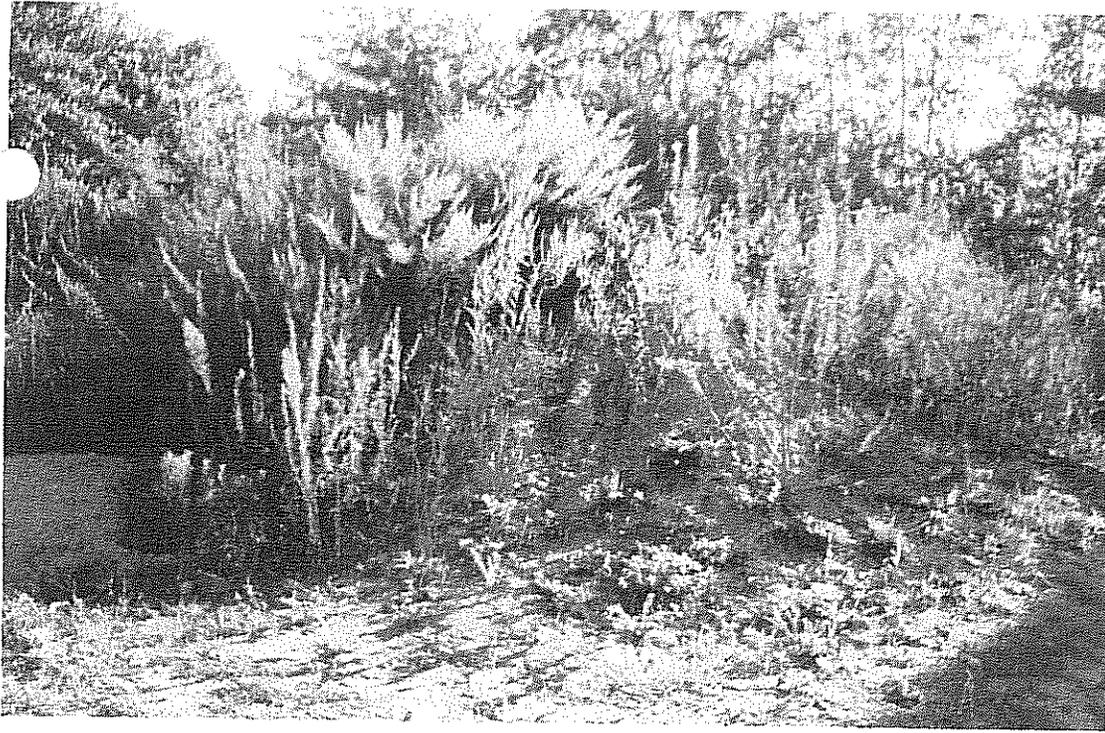
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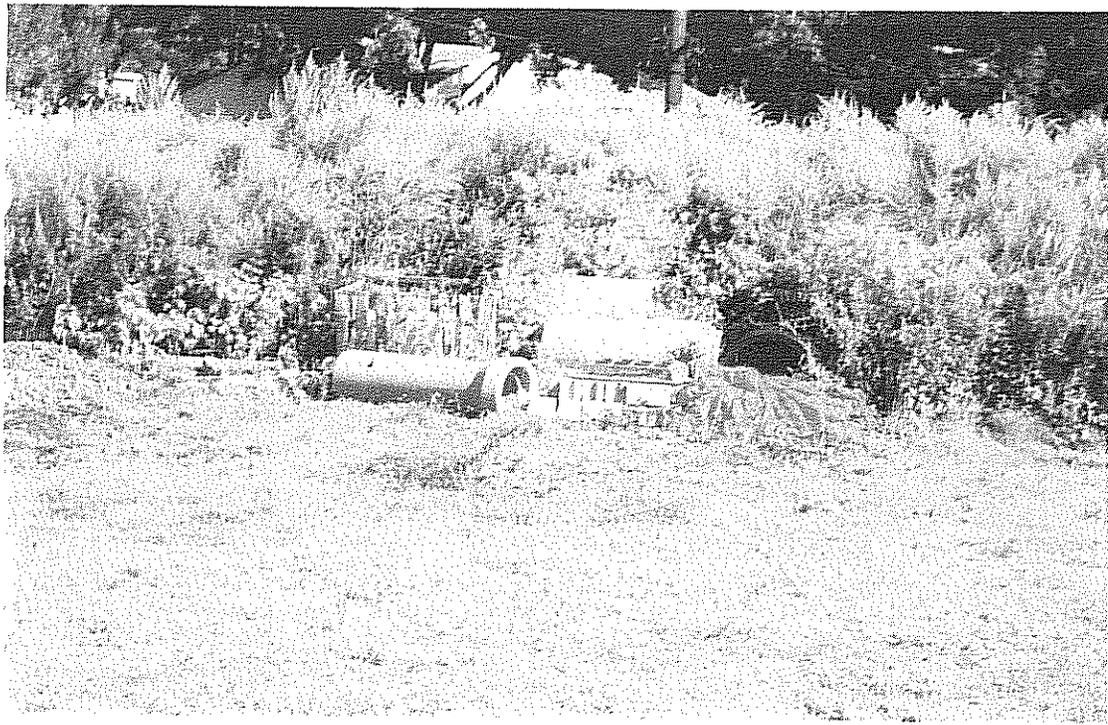


Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk

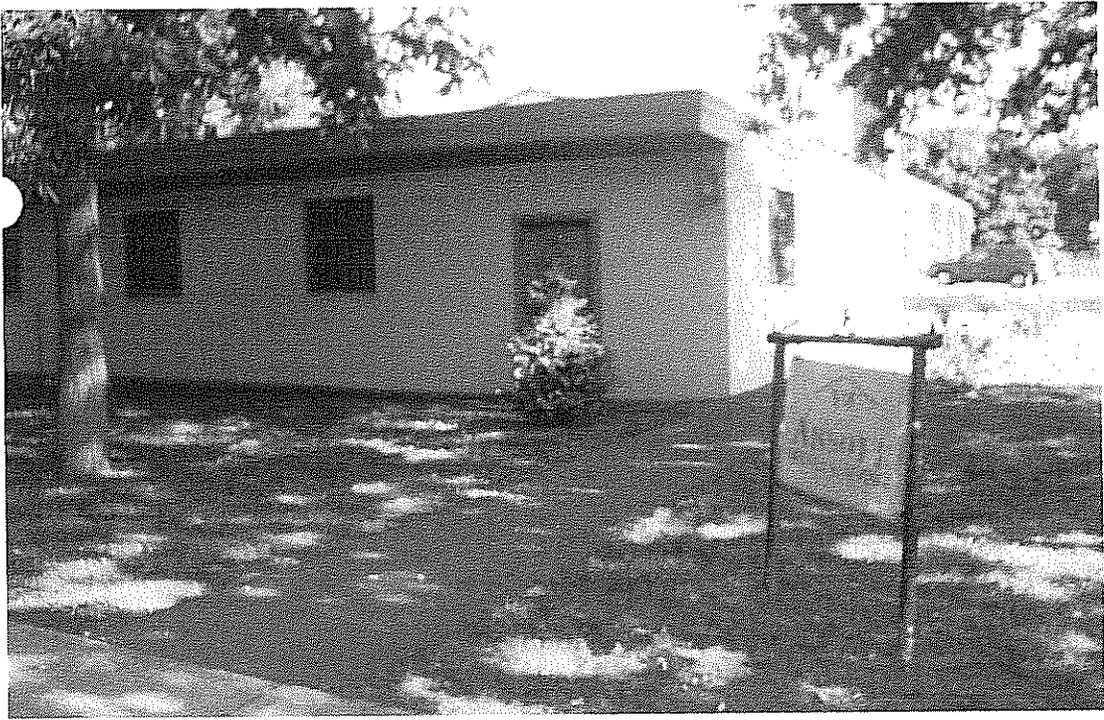


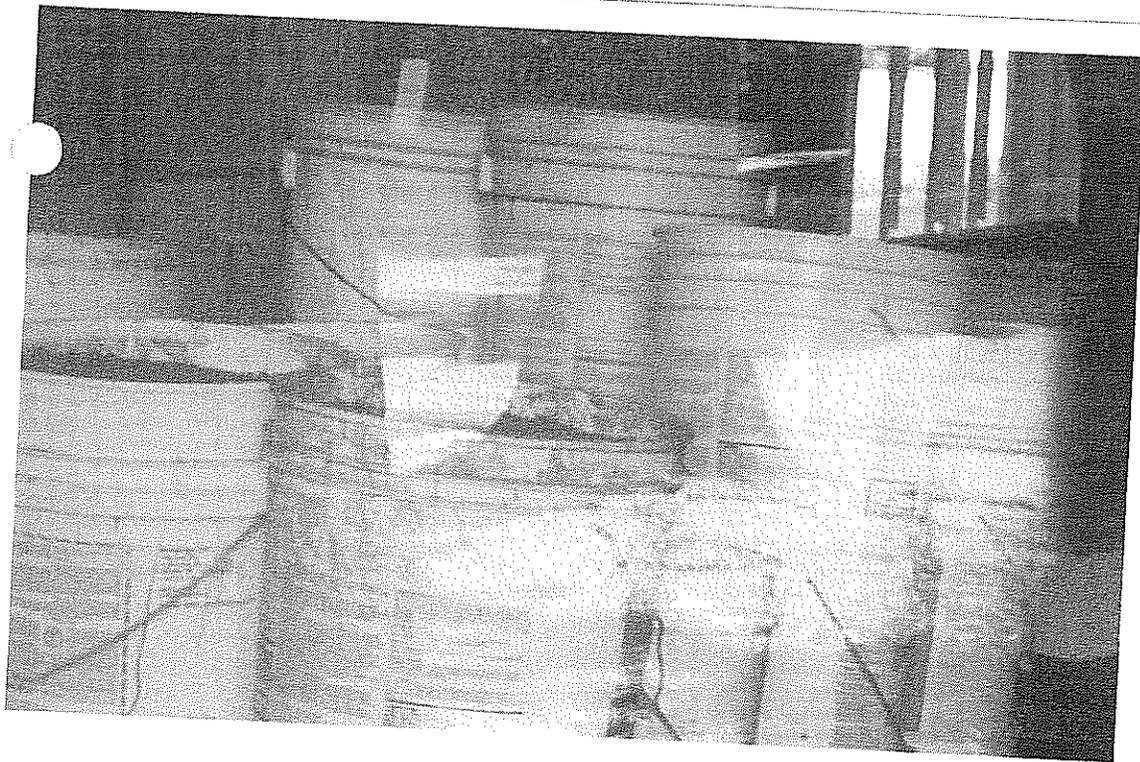












ATTACHMENT "B"

CHIEFS REPORT FOR JULY 2007

FIRE CALLS

Building Fire	<u>3</u>
Brush Fire	<u>1</u>
Automobile Fire	<u>2</u>
Accident Assist	<u>0</u>
Rescue	<u>0</u>
Hazmat	<u>0</u>
False Alarm	<u>8</u>
Other Emergency	<u>4</u>

OTHER NON EMERGENCY CALLS

Company Drills	<u>1</u>
Mutual Aid Drills	<u>0</u>
Schools	<u>8</u>
House Duties	<u>2</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>11</u>

TOTAL CALLS 37

Man Hours Expended

Fires	<u>119.9</u>
Drills	<u>22.5</u>
Training	<u>73.85</u>
House Duties	<u>7.5</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>191.5</u>

TOTAL MAN HOURS 225.25

TOTALS THROUGH MONTH OF JULY 2007

Fires	<u>877.4</u>
Drills & Other	<u>1391.94</u>

TOTAL MAN HOURS 3661.28

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Hess, Chief
Norwood Fire Company No. 1