

**MINUTES  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
PUBLIC MEETING  
November 7, 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	Absent
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Guercio	Present
Councilwoman Senatore	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present

**Also Present:**

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Michael Neglia	Borough Engineer

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits.

Mayor Barsa welcomed everyone to the public meeting and thanked all who volunteered their time in the recent election. Mayor Barsa commended Messrs. Sprague, Salerno and Rooney for running for office and congratulated Messrs. Condoleo and Rapaport on their victory. Mayor Barsa said that he looked forward to serving the community for the next four years and with working with both parties.

**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. Greg Salerno, 401 D’Ercole Court congratulated Mayor Barsa and Messrs. Condoleo and Rapaport on their recent victory. Mr. Salerno said that as a “Norwoodian” he shares the same goals to keep Norwood the great town that it is.

**Public Comment Continued:**

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street said he would prefer to be called a “Norwoodsmen” instead of a “Norwoodian”. Mr. Hertzberg endorsed the two-party system and encouraged Mr. Brizzolara to be the eyes and ears on the Council for that purpose. Mr. Hertzberg quoted, as an old Brooklyn Dodger Fan “Wait till next year!” He expressed his pride in the people in this room.

Mr. Greg Salerno, 401 D’Ercole Court thanked Councilman Guercio for coming to his aid with his dead battery.

Mr. Allen Rapaport, Councilman Elect pledged that he would not let Mr. Brizzolara be badgered as the only Democrat on the Council.

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

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

**VETERANS DAY**

WHEREAS, Veterans Day commemorates the Courage and Patriotism of the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, this day commemorated the end of fighting in World War I on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1918 as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 a law was adopted to make the day a Federal holiday and in 1954 Congress changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, special services are always held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia to honor Veterans of all wars in remembrance of all who sacrificed their lives for their Country and this tradition of honor is carried throughout the Nation as our debt of gratitude to those who have shared the horror and confusion of war and sacrificed their lives for the privilege of our freedom; and

WHEREAS, it is a day for recollection for those who survived and have deeply within themselves a personal memory of the losses suffered and it is a day of remembrance by all who enjoy the freedom in this great Country and the price that was paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in this 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Year of the ending of World War II, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, by this Proclamation, perpetuates the tribute on November 11, 2007 to our Veterans of all wars, never to be forgotten.

THANKSGIVING 2007

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities; and

WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and of course, families themselves; and

WHEREAS, during Thanksgiving week we all should take time to honor the importance of families, and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round; and

WHEREAS, we all should recommit to enhancing and extending all families' connections; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance and resources of agencies and organizations such as the Alliance for Children and Families and its local member agency, Children's Aid and Family Services, we can help families of all shapes and sizes create a better future for all of the Borough of Norwood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, do hereby proclaim November 18 through November 24 as Norwood Family Week, and I commit this observance to the people of Norwood.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Resolution from the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights opposing the Airspace Redesign as proposed by the FAA
2. Letter from Township of Washington to Senator Cardinale regarding the closing of Pascack Valley Hospital
3. Letter from Neglia Engineering regarding the release of the performance bond and posting of a maintenance bond for Norwood Plaza LLC
4. A note from the Lamp Family thanking the Mayor and Council for the flowers sent for Edward Lamp
5. Minutes from the Multi-town Environmental Summit-CSX Railroad held in Harrington Park on September 18, 2007
6. A letter of thanks from the Norwood Runners Association regarding the 5K Run
7. Letter from Chief Krapels recommending Ptl. Christopher Barbieri for permanent appointment to the Norwood Police Department

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. Mr. Scott requested that Resolution 07:170 be removed from the consent agenda and Mrs. Senatore requested that Resolution 07:177 be removed also.

- 07:163 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 07:164 Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2007 Budget for Insurance Recovery in the amount of \$3,682.30

**Consent Agenda Continued:**

- 07:165 Authorizing the release of the Performance Bond for Norwood Plaza LLC
- 07:166 Authorizing a tax appeal settlement of C & S Property Management, LLC
- 07:167 Adopting the form required to be used for the filing of Notices of Tort Claims brought against the Borough of Norwood
- 07:168 Opposing the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Airspace Redesign proposed by the FAA
- 07:169 Urging that Pascack Valley Hospital Remain Open
- 07:170 Authorizing the Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the purchase of a dump truck with chipper top and snow plow
- 07:171 Appointing Christopher Visconi, 322 Congers Avenue, Northvale as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 07:172 Appointing Michael Goodman, 275 Livingston Street, Norwood as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1
- 07:173 Acceptance and final payment for the Broad Street Beautification Project to 4-Clean-Up, Inc.
- 07:174 Dedication by Rider for POAA (Parking Offenses Adjudication Account)
- 07:175 Authorizing an Appropriation Transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00
- 07:176 Appointing Probationary Officer Christopher Barbieri as a permanent member of the Norwood Police Department
- 07:177 Authorizing the hiring of L. Elena Salas, 134 Virginia Avenue, Dumont as a part-time administrative assistant for the Borough Clerk's Office

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

Mr. Scott recommended that the specifications for the Chipper Truck include an "all steel body" and standard warranty and an additional addendum to add a 3 year warranty and or 60,000 miles. The Council had no objections to changing the specifications. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Senatore to approve Resolution 07:170. On the roll call vote, all Council Members voted for the motion.

Mrs. Senatore questioned the hiring of Ms. Salas and wanted to know why this was discussed at the last work session when it was not previously on the agenda. Mrs. Senatore was informed that the Council approved the hiring at the last work session and Ms. Salas has already begun her employment with the Borough. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Guercio to approve Resolution 07:177. All Council Members present voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Mrs. Senatore.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 07:31:**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:31 for Council action entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 85 OF THE CODE OF  
THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD REGULATING ANIMALS,  
REQUIRING DOG AND CAT LICENSING**

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.

Mr. George Hertzberg requested that the Borough consider requiring cats to wear a bell. Mr. Guercio said he would take the matter before the Board of Health for their consideration.

There being no other member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Senatore to close the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 07:31 was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Scott. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

**Introduction of Ordinance 07:32**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:32 for Council action entitled:

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

It was moved by Mr. Scott 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 December 4, 2007.

**Introduction of Ordinance 07:33**

Mayor Barsa stated that he had before him Ordinance 07:33 for Council action entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 233 OF THE CODE OF  
THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD REGARDING AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES**

It was moved by Mr. Scott 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 December 4, 2007.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Brizzolara:**

Mr. Brizzolara thanked Mayor Barsa and Mr. Salerno for their kind words and offered his congratulations to Messrs. Condoleo and Rapaport on their victories.

Mr. Brizzolara questioned whether Ms. Marc had accepted the offer of employment for the Finance Office. He was informed that she had not as of yet. Mrs. Senatore again questioned the hiring of Ms. Marc since the Council had not interviewed her. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Senatore and seconded by Mr. Scott to rescind the offer of employment to Daphne Marc. On the roll call vote, Messrs. Brizzolara and Condoleo voted no on the motion and Mrs. Senatore and Messrs. Scott and Guercio voted to the affirmative. The Clerk was instructed to send Ms. Marc a letter rescinding the offer of employment until the full Council has had an opportunity to interview her.

**Council President Scott:**

Mr. Scott encouraged more people to get involved with government. He had nothing additional to report.

**Councilman Guercio:**

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Guercio reported that leaf season has begun and the DPW is also preparing for the snow season.

Board of Health:

Mr. Guercio informed that the Board of Health has authorized the purchase of a Munidex Program for vital statistics.

**Councilwoman Senatore:**

Mrs. Senatore thanked the Norwood Police Department for coming to the aid of Ms. Elvira Caputo who fell and broke her arm.

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Recreation:

Mr. Condoleo said he looks forward to working with the Council in a non-partisan manner especially in regard to all of the budget challenges for 2008.

Fire Department:

No monthly report was submitted.

Recreation:

No report was given.

**Mayor Barsa:**

**2007 Road Program:**

Mayor Barsa explained the request for a Change Order to the Contract awarded to English Paving and the inclusion of two additional roads to be paved, Westwind and Dyer. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve Resolution 07:178 authorizing Change Order No. 1 with decrease in the contracted amount by \$1,072.29. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mayor Barsa requested that the Council consider for the 2008 Budget Year including the sidewalks in the Capital Budget. Mayor Barsa said he would like the Council to appropriate half of the money for roads and the other half for sidewalks.

Mayor Barsa asked the Council to decide which process they wanted to use for the hiring of professionals for 2008. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to continue with the Fair and Open Process for the hiring of professionals. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

**General Public Comment:**

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

Mr. George Hertzberg, 24 Carter Street responded to Mr. Scott's suggestion of getting more people involved in government. Mr. Hertzberg said he would be willing to volunteer. Mr. Guercio suggested that the Chairs of both committees get together and meet to discuss the matter.

Mr. Allen Rapaport, Councilman-elect said he felt it was good business for each member of the Council to interview prospective employees.

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

Mayor Barsa requested that the CFO be invited to the next work session (November 28, 2007) to discuss the position open in the Finance Office. Interviews for police promotions will be held at 6:00 PM on November 28, 2007. The Clerk was instructed to advertise the meeting to begin at 6:00 PM rather than the 8:00 PM time previously advertised.

At 8:50 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Guercio and seconded by Mrs. Senatore to adjourn with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk