

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2016**

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 7:05 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 Marino	Present
	Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
	Council President Brizzolara	Present
	Councilman Ascolese	Present
	Councilman Rapaport	Present
	Councilman Scott	Present

Also Present:	Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
	Dan Kaufman	Borough Engineer
	Judith Curran	CFO/Treasurer

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

**General Public Comment:**

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to open the meeting to the public for general comment. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mr. Joseph London, 715 Blanch Avenue questioned the Borough’s policy regarding the registration of contractors performing work in the Borough. He is concerned that contractors are working that do not have a Home Improvement Contractor’s License that is issued by the State of New Jersey. He said it is State Law that all contractors working in the State be licensed. Mayor Barsa responded that the Code Enforcement Officer is present this evening and he will look into this matter.

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**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust regarding a recent Refunding Bond Series 2016A-R2 that was sold on May 10, 2016 that will save the Borough \$175,570 in debt service repayments
2. Letter from Bergen County Community Development regarding appointments to the Regional Committee for 2016-2017
3. Letter from Bergen County Executive regarding vehicle and equipment auction
4. Letter from NJ DEP regarding an application for Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal for Miele Sanitation Co. TS
5. Invitation from Bergen County Division of Community Transportation for their Annual Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
6. Invitation to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Greece festival at St. John the Theologian Cathedral in Tenafly
7. Letter from Rockland Electric Co. regarding Vegetation Management-Distribution Line Clearance

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 16:105 be removed for a separate vote. Mayor Barsa called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- 16:94 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,519,883.01
- 16:95 Appointment of Joseph Palazzola as a permanent Police Officer with the Norwood Police Department
- 16:96 Award of Contract to Schifano Construction for the 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Program in the amount of \$406,236.75
- 16:97 Authorizing the Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills
- 16:98 Authorizing the redemption of a tax lien on Block 121, Lot 22.02, 259 Hudson Avenue
- 16:99 Approving an Agreement with Neglia Engineering for Construction Management Service for the 2016 Riverside Cooperative Paving Project
- 16:100 Authorizing a contract with First Environment, Inc. for Professional Environmental Engineering and Consulting Services

**Consent Agenda Continued:**

- 16:101 Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Livingston Street Streetscape Phase III
- 16:102 Authorizing the CFO to close out the Tax Office Change Draw
- 16:103 Civil Rights Resolution
- 16:104 Authorizing a Snow Plow Agreement with the County of Bergen
- 16:106 Approving and Authorizing Execution of Developer's Agreement with CSH Norwood, LLC (Capital Senior Housing)

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

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 16:105 Designating Municipal Representatives for Community Development Regional Committee. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Scott who abstained.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 16:09**

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

*An Ordinance Amending Chapter 120 Titled "Fences" and Chapter 233 Titled "Zoning in the Code of the Borough of Norwood, Regarding the Regulation of Fences in the Borough*

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to approve Ordinance 16:09. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 16:09 was approved and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 16:10**

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

*An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Entitled “An Ordinance to Fix Salaries, Wages and Compensation of Certain Officials, Officers and Employees of the Borough of Norwood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey” and to provide for and determine the rate and method of compensation for the Technical Assistant to the Construction Office Position, Effective May 1, 2016*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to open the meeting to the public for comments concerning this ordinance. All Council Members present voted for the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 16:10. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 16:10 was approved and will take effect upon publication in the Record and completion of the twenty day estoppel period.

**Introduction of Ordinance 16:11**

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

*An Ordinance Amending Chapter 164 to the Code of the Borough of Norwood Authorizing the Licensing of Outdoor Cafes in the Borough of Norwood*

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 16:11 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Ascolese who abstained. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

**Introduction of Ordinance 16:12**

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

*Vacating Penfield Street in the Borough of Norwood*

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Ordinance 16:12 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016

**Introduction of Ordinance 16:13**

Mayor Barsa stated he had before him an ordinance for Council action entitled:

*An Ordinance Amending Chapter 68 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood to regulate advertising without consent*

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Ordinance 16:13 on its first reading. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Marino**

Mr. Marino had nothing to report at this time.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported being in receipt of the monthly report for May, Attachment "A".

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio said she had nothing to report at this time. Both schools are preparing for graduation.

**Councilman Brizzolara:**

Fire Department:

Mr. Brizzolara thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade and reported that the recent Memorial Service and Pig Roast were well attended and a huge success.

**Councilman Ascolese:**

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese submitted the Road Department's monthly report for the record, Attachment "B". He commended the Department on the excellent job they did working with Tobar Excavating with the installation of the new water service to the Swim Club.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport submitted the Police Department May report Attachment "C". He commended Police Officer Palazzola on his permanent appointment.

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport had nothing to report.

**Councilman Scott**

Mr. Scott commented on the Memorial Day Parade and the number of hot dogs that were given out by the American Legion after the parade.

Seniors:

The Senior Citizen Club will hold their annual anniversary dinner on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Florentine Gardens.

Norwood Public Library:

The Library has instituted additional programs for the summer.

At this time Mayor Barsa invited Mr. Renaud, Construction Official, Zoning and Property Maintenance Officer to come forward for some questions from the governing body. Mr. Fede, Borough Counsel advised Mr. Renaud that any time during the discussion if he wished to move to closed session the governing body would do so immediately. Mr. Brizzolara questioned Mr. Renaud regarding the hours that he is employed with the Borough of Norwood and whether or not he was employed for other municipalities and what time he is to report to his other towns. Mr. Renaud responded that he is presently employed with the Boroughs of Englewood Cliffs and Haworth and provided his hours of employment with those towns. Mr. Renaud went on to explain his duties in respect to all of the positions he holds with the Borough. He explained that his main area of concern is the Universal Construction Code and that all other functions come second. He provided background information regarding the vacancy in the technical assistant's position and that the position was recently filled. It was requested that he present a typical day to the governing body so that they may better understand his functions. Following the question and answer period, a few recommendations were made by Mr. Renaud. He suggested that the governing body consider hiring a part-time individual to do the property maintenance and rental property inspections. The governing body thanked Mr. Renaud for attending the meeting. Mr. William McGuire was invited to come forward to address the governing body. Mr. McGuire informed that he would prefer to meet in closed session. It was agreed that he would meet with the personnel committee

**General Public Comment:**

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

There being 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. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Closed Session:**

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 16:107 authorizing the governing body to convene into closed session to discuss affordable housing litigation. On the roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Ascolese to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk