

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 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

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

Reverend Gus Oh from Chodae Community Church offered a prayer to those in attendance.

Presentations:

Mayor Barsa informed that in September Chodae Community Church held their 7th Annual Golf Outing. The purpose of the outing is to raise money for the EMS and Fire Departments in Norwood and Northvale. Mayor Barsa invited the Church Clergy to come forward and make their presentations. Norwood EMS and Fire Department were each presented a check for \$5,000.00. It was noted that because Norwood won the tournament by posting the lowest score, both received an additional \$1,000 that was presented at the outing.

Mayor Barsa invited Ms. Christine Hageman, Chairwoman of the Environmental Commission to come forward to receive recognition for her years of volunteer service to the Borough. She was presented with a plaque.

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 Mr. Scott to open the meeting to the public. All Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mr. Joel Rubin, 20 Jenne Lane thanked the Mayor and Council for considering the resolution opposing the Anti BDS Movement. He said that Norwood was the second town in Bergen County to approve the resolution. He offered his gratitude to the members of the governing body.

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.

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa offered the following proclamations for the month of October:

Veterans Day
Thanksgiving 2016

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Vantage Health Systems regarding looming mental health crisis
2. Public Notice from NJ DEP regarding a drought warning
3. Letter from NJ Department of Transportation regarding Walk to School Day
4. Resolution from the Borough of Closter requesting the Port Authority of New York-New Jersey install anti-suicide fencing on the George Washington Bridge
5. Letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Norwood on earning recognition as 2015 Tree City
6. Letter from NJ Department of Transportation announcing the suspension of projects financed using Transportation Trust Fund Authority funds has been lifted
7. DPW Monthly Report
8. Construction Office October Fee Log Report

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. There being no request, Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Regular Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 16:174 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,873,959.01
- 16:175 Authorizing the cancellation of outstanding checks from the Current Account
- 16:176 Authorizing the cancellation of small balances by the Tax Collector
- 16:177 Authorizing a refund of tax overpayment for Block 96, Lot 4 in the amount of \$2,386.50
- 16:178 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to issue Requests for Qualification for 2017 appointed professionals
- 16:179 Authorizing a Peddler's and Solicitor's License to Mathew Wanamaker
- 16:180 Designating the Borough of Norwood as a "Stigma Free" Zone
- 16:181 Approving a petition to the Port Authority of New York-New Jersey to install an anti-suicide fence along the walkways of the George Washington Bridge
- 16:182 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County for the Bergen County Road Resurfacing Program
- 16:183 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County for Vehicle Maintenance
- 16:184 Condemning all efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the global movement to boycott, divest from and sanction the People of Israel
- 16:185 Authorizing a Contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council a Nationally Approved Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of a 2016 Chief XL Type I F-450 Braun Ambulance in the amount of \$279,897
- 16:186 Authorizing the installation of one 40-watt induction streetlight on Rockland Avenue

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

Public Hearing of Ordinance 16:23

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 232 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Titled "Subdivision of Land" Regarding Performance and Maintenance Bond

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Ascolese 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. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 16:23. On the roll call vote:

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

There being six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 16:23 was approved and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

Introduction of Ordinance 16:24:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 233 titled "Zoning" in the Code of the Borough of Norwood regulating Soil Movement

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to approve Ordinance 16:24 on its first reading. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing of this ordinance will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Ordinance 16:25:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 232 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood Titled "Subdivision of Land" regarding subdivision fees

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 16:25 on its first reading. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing of this ordinance will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Ordinance 16:26:

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 233 titled "Zoning" in the Code of the Borough of Norwood regarding permitted encroachments and checklists

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 16:26 on its first reading. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that the public hearing of this ordinance will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Barsa:

Recreation:

Mayor Barsa reported that the Recreation Committee is discussing creating an ordinance to require coaches to undergo a background check prior to being allowed to coach in the youth programs. Mayor Barsa asked the Council's permission to have Chief Krapels work with Mr. Fede to create an ordinance for their approval. It was the consensus of the governing body that Chief Krapels and Mr. Fede create an ordinance requiring background checks of all borough coaches for their review.

Councilman Marino:

Mr. Marino had nothing to report at this time.

Councilwoman Orecchio

Board of Health:

Mrs. Orecchio submitted the Board of Health report for October, Attachment "A". She commented on the number of volunteers this organization has.

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that the Norwood Public School Board of Education will have two new members, Messrs. Foschino and Guzman. She thanked Mr. Joel Rubin for the time he served on the Board.

Councilman Brizzolara:

Mr. Brizzolara commended the Norwood Fire Department for all of the events that they run for the Borough and announced that the Home for the Holidays Parade will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2016 followed by refreshments served by the Fire Company.

Mr. Brizzolara congratulated Messrs. Marino and Rooney on their victory in the most recent election for Council and thanked Mrs. McDonald for her efforts in running.

Councilman Ascolese:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese submitted the Road Department's monthly report for the record, Attachment "B".

Councilman Rapaport:

Mr. Rapaport congratulated Messrs. Marino and Rooney on running a successful campaign and also thanked Mrs. McDonald for her efforts.

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport reported that the Board will be meeting on November 29th to discuss the Master Plan.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport submitted the Police Department October report Attachment "C".

Mr. Rapaport thanked the governing body for passing the resolution condemning all efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the global movement to boycott, divest from and sanction the People of Israel. There was a round of applause.

Councilman Scott

Building Department:

Mr. Scott submitted the monthly report for the record, attachment "D".

Mr. Scott announced that the Marine Corps birthday is the 10th and Veteran's Day on the 11th. The American Legion will be hosting their annual luncheon for volunteers and service organizations and they will be presenting checks to the various organizations.

General Public Comment:

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

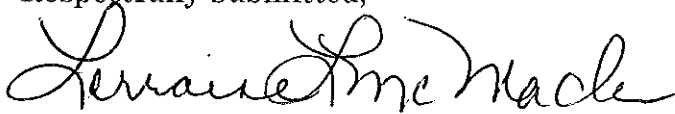
Mr. Michael Cohen, 100 Huguenot Avenue, Englewood, NJ thanked the governing body for approving the resolution opposing the global movement against Israel.

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.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara seconded by Mr. Rapaport to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine L. McMackin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk