

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 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 6:00 PM and led 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 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	Absent
	Councilman Scott	Present

Also Present: At 7:00 PM

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Dan Kaufman	Borough Engineer
Judith Curran	CFO/Treasurer
Jeffrey Krapels	Chief of Police
Alan Schrader	DPW Superintendent

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

Closed Session

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve Resolution 16:43 authorizing the governing body to convene into closed session for the purpose of conducting interview for the position of Labor Counsel. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Ascolese to approve Resolution 16:43. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Presentation by Bergen County Clerk, John Hogan:

County Clerk Hogan presented the Mayor and Council with a poster board with copies of original maps and documents from the early days of the Borough of Norwood including the special election to elect the first mayor. Mayor Barsa thanked Clerk Hogan and said the Borough would proudly display the board.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Mr. Jim Melia, 439 High Street regarding the Norwood Swim Club becoming a municipal pool
2. Letter from former Bergen County Prosecutor John Molinelli informing of his pending retirement
3. Letter from County Executive James Tedesco inviting Mayor Barsa to attend a conference on Thursday, January 14, 2016
4. Newspaper Article from PERMA regarding Joint Insurance Funds
5. Letter from Kyriakos & Jan Siolos, 50 Dearborn Road regarding the enforcement of no overnight parking of commercial vehicles
6. EMS Monthly Report
7. Bergen County League of Municipalities Resolution regarding S781 and S782 Amending Open Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act
8. Association of Recyclers Winter 2016 Newsletter
9. Letter from Bergen County Mosquito Control Division requesting permission to conduct aerial spraying for mosquito larvae in Norwood during the breeding months
10. DPW January Report
11. Police Department January 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 he called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the December 2 and 30, 2015 Work/Executive Meeting, December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting and January 6, 2016 Reorganization Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 16:44 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$2,218,501.92
- 16:45 Authorizing the execution of an Agreement to operate the Interboro Regional Police Communications Organization
- 16:46 Authorizing the release of Escrow Funds to Mr. Rakesh Ramessar, 495 Rivervale Avenue in the amount of \$345.00
- 16:47 Awarding a Contract to Miele Sanitation Company for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste, Bulky Waste, Designated Recyclables and Vegetative Waste
- 16:48 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Riverside Cooperative with Northvale as the Lead Agency
- 16:49 Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Norwood Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2017
- 16:50 Certifying Members of the Norwood Fire Department No. 1 who successfully qualified for the L.O.S.A.P. Program
- 16:51 Authorizing the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe 4 x 4 Police Vehicle for the Norwood Fire Department
- 16:52 Authorizing the release of Escrow Funds to Mr. Stephen Rittenberg, 176 Millbrook Circle in the amount of \$335.00

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

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino read the Board of Health report for the month of January, Attachment "A".

Environmental Commission:

The Commission has completed the draft shade tree ordinance and it has been distributed to the governing body for their review at the next work session.

Councilwoman Orecchio

EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio reported being in receipt of the monthly report for January, see Attachment B.

Committee Reports Continued:

Councilwoman Orecchio

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that Dr. Gordon from Northern Valley Regional High School was at the last Senior Citizen Club meeting to discuss the upcoming referendum. The date of the election is Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Mrs. Orecchio went on to explain that at the local public school there are an increasing number of children moving into the district with disabilities and that they will have to allocate approximately \$400,000 towards their education. The State does not offer additional aid for these programs and the District will have a problem staying within the 2% budgetary cap.

Council President Brizzolara

Mr. Brizzolara reported that the Borough is interviewing for the position of labor counsel.

Councilman Ascolese:

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese thanked the DPW for the great job they did during the recent Blizzard. He said that the new equipment that was purchased lessened the time it took the DPW to clear the snow. He thanked Chief Krapels and his men for helping to remove the cars from the street during the snow storm. They had an issue with only two cars as opposed to the numerous ones last year.

Councilman Rapaport:

In the absence of Mr. Rapaport no report was given

Councilman Scott:

Senior Citizen Club:

Mr. Scott informed that the Club is very active.

Norwood Public Library:

Mr. Scott said that the Library has seen an increase in their usage.

General Public Comment:

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

Mr. Bill Henshaw, 907 Blanch Avenue informed that he has been the manager of the Norwood Swim Club for the past 18 years. He discussed the financial problems the Club is experiencing and the recent issue with the well on the property. He said that if the well hadn't failed and they didn't have to incur that expense they would be

Public Comment Continued:

doing okay. He said that he hoped that the Club would be able to continue in the community.

Ms. Katy O'Malley also a resident of Norwood and a member of the Club voiced her feelings for keeping the Swim Club open and asked if the Borough could take over the running of the Club. Mayor Barsa explained the process by which the Borough could take over the running of the swim club.

Mr. Kevin Wilson, Seventeenth Street asked for an update on the Daibes Project. Mr. Ascolese informed that he had recently received a letter informing him that the building would be demolished in the near future. He received this letter as a requirement for demolition because his home is within 200 feet of the property. Mr. Wilson questioned the validity of the Permit Extension Act and how it relates to this property. He also questioned the status of the other project on Livingston Street. Mr. Dan Kaufman, Engineer for the Borough reported that the applicant is before the Bergen County Planning Board for their approval of the project.

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

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

January 27, 2015

To: Mayor and Council

Re: Norwood Board of Health Report to Mayor & Council

The Board of Health held its Reorganization Meeting on January 20, 2015.

Election of Officers: Ms. Maccaroni was elected to be the Board's President and Ms. Conroy to serve as Vice-President. Mr. Bass and Ms. McMullen were reappointed to serve as Board Members.

Ms. Goodman was appointed for a one-year term as Secretary to the Board of Health.

Registered Health Environmental Specialist Report:

Ms. Quinn reviewed her reports from December, 2015. It was communicated that Dairy & Deli was conditional and published in The Record.

Vital Statistics for the month of December, 2015 are as follows:

7 Reported Deaths
0 Births
1 marriages

Income:
\$28.00

Nurses Reports

The Nurse's Reports for December, 2015 was reviewed. Copies are on file in the Board of Health Office.

Council Liaison Report

Councilman Marino reported that the Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council had been postponed and the Personnel Committee was meeting on January 27, 2016 to discuss the 4 additional hours for Ms. Goodman.

Old Business:

- Ms. Goodman advised that Nurse Froeder of the Norwood Public School had published the Child Health Care Conference information sponsored by the Board of Health in its most recent newsletter.
- Monthly Board of Health Articles will be sent to the Northern Valley Press and Suburbanite for publication.
- The Board of Health will review at its next schedule meeting, the current nail salon/beauty ordinance.

New Business:

- The Members agreed that the snack stand at Kennedy Field should be reviewed at next month's meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

Alexandra M. Goodman

cc: Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Gloria Maccaroni, President
Councilman Frank Marino, Liaison

ATTACHMENT B

**NORWOOD
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Norwood Volunteer Ambulance Corps PO Box 8 Norwood NJ 07648 Business #
201-768-4477

To: Marianne Orecchio
Cc: Lorraine McMackin
From: John Kuder – Asst. Chief
Re: Call Volume Report
Date: January 2016

In the month of January there were two ambulance corps functions. The two functions were the monthly drill in which we went over our new backboard policy and the monthly business meeting which we discussed new and old business for the month of January.

Please find the January call report for Norwood EMS enclosed. Norwood EMS responded to 49 Calls in the month of January. A breakdown of call types/locations is below.

<u>Norwood EMS Call Types</u>	<u>Norwood EMS Calls Locations</u>		
Medical Calls	Norwood	25	29
Trauma Calls	Northvale	7	
Fire Calls	Demarest	5	
RMA's	Closter / Alpine / PIP	5	
Cancelled Calls	Harrington Park	7	
Stand By's	Old Tappan	0	

In the month of January Norwood EMS personnel logged 3280 hours on calls and 32 hours on drills/monthly meeting.

January Monthly Report 2016

Happy New Year

Our new sander for the J Hook Mack truck has arrived in time for the first major snow storm Jonas. The capacity of this salter is much larger than our current salters. This truck is fitted with two 400 gallon saddle tanks to distribute environ brine (liquid road deicing agent) directly into the salt to effectively melt ice and snow in below freezing temperatures. Continuing salt brine prior to a snow event will also insure safer roads in Norwood.

A few hours into the storm one of our older pickup trucks backed up into the ambulance building causing serious damage to both the building and the truck. I was told by the driver after cleaning off his windshield wipers he continued plowing the parking lot, upon backing up his foot slipped off the brake onto the accelerator striking the building. He said my feet were wet. I'm sorry am I fired. In my investigation I noticed the brake pedal pad was slightly worn and was most likely the cause. This brake pedal pad has been replaced. I explained to all drivers! Any incident or accident **MUST** be reported immediately to the police and the supervisor not later on in the day.

January Monthly Report 2016

After snow storm Jonas all trucks and equipment were thoroughly washed, power washed, cleaned inside and serviced.

Safety is a standard we practice on a daily basis with all our job tasks. Snow removal on a County rd. regardless of traffic officers is not something you can prepare for. There are too many variables during the day time pedestrian and vehicular traffic to be comfortable in a safe operating work area. "Too many close calls" I hope in the future changes will be made to better protect the public and our employees. After midnight would be the best time for this job. I won't have to here store owners say "Why are you doing this now" or not seeing a pedestrian leave the car and walk behind you and cars entering and exiting the stores in the work area. It's not safe!

I was told our new hot box trailer will be completed and delivered to us in the month of March. I am looking forward in a more efficient way to repair and maintain our roadways with this piece of equipment. This is a great shared service purchase with Old Tappan.

We have been spending a great deal of time maintaining buildings, trucks and equipment during this mild winter weather.

January Monthly Report 2016

Senior pickups and drop offs continue. They are asking for weekend service also. I told them they need to speak to administration.

All E Waste have been collected and recycled at a cost that continues to increase. No recycling companies want TVs. They are worthless and cost money to dispose of them. The going rate for TVs is up to 70 cents per pound. Monthly average we collect is 4,000 pounds, 95% are TVs. Paid for out of recycling tonnage grant.

All first of the month's inspections and documentations have been completed.

On Jan. 19th. Cost cutters strip mall was barricaded off for public safety. This took every barricade we had to complete until temporary fencing was installed.

On Jan. 20th. Livingston St. had a water main break during rush hour and south bound traffic was detoured onto High St. Sure was glad I borrowed a dozen barricades from Northvale.

The Public Works Garage was cleaned to host the rabies clinic for Saturday Jan. 30th.

Forty nine days till spring. March 20th. Spring begins.