

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

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 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 Press Journal, 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
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present

Also Present:

Andrew T. Fede	Borough Attorney
John Speer	Borough Engineer

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

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

There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Presentations:

Mayor Barsa presented the 2009 Alfred D. Hess Volunteer of the Year Award to Mrs. Mary Benardella, Borough Historian.

Mayor Barsa read a proclamation and presented it to former Assemblyman John Rooney commending him for his many years of dedicated service.

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Presentations Continued:

Mayor Barsa read and presented to Norwood Cub Scout Pack 120 a proclamation celebrating 100 Years of Scouting.

Proclamation:

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of nearly 455,000 American females each year or about one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as compared to 47 percent in men, and nearly 30,400 more females than males die from a stroke; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the estimated direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the U.S. is estimated at \$475 billion; and

WHEREAS, more women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

WHEREAS, one in 2.7 women die from cardiovascular disease and 64% of women who die suddenly from coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national movement to make women aware of the risk for heart disease-the leading cause of death for women and to empower women to make choices and take action to reduce that risk; and

WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Heart CheckUp, go Red BetterU and by talking to their healthcare provider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 5, 2010 to be

'National Wear Red Day for Women'

in Norwood and urge all citizens to "go red" for the day to call attention to the magnitude of cardiovascular disease in women and as a show of support to fight it as well as in recognition of family, friends and neighbors who have suffered from cardiovascular disease. By increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking action to reduce them, we can save thousands of lives each year.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Mrs. Mary Benardella accepting the Mayor and Council's invitation to the February 2, 2010 meeting

Correspondence Continued:

2. Resolution from the Borough of Waldwick opposing the enactment of P.L. 2010, c 118 creating a pilot program to have the county take over the tax assessment
3. Engineer's Monthly Report
4. Fire Department December 2009 Monthly Report
5. Letter from Verizon Wireless requesting a release of an Escrow Account
6. Information from the American Heart Association regarding National Wear Red Day for Women on Friday, February 5, 2010
7. Letter from Mr. Frank Mauro requesting release of an Escrow Account

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 wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed for consideration.

Approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Reorganization Meeting, and December 30, 2010 and January 13, 2010 Work/Executive Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 10:39 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$ 1,352,505.33
- 10:40 Approving an Emergency Temporary Budget to add \$3,787,158
- 10:41 Supporting and committing to participating in the Paris Grant
- 10:42 Appointing Ms. Adriana D'Apolito, 42 Carlton Lane, Harrington Park as an Alternate Crossing Guard
- 10:43 Authorizing the closing of an Escrow Account and refunding the balance to Verizon Wireless
- 10:44 Authorizing the closing of an Escrow Account and refunding the balance to Frank Mauro
- 10:45 Approving the issuance of Raffle License 10:05 to Immaculate Conception Church for an Off-Premise Draw

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 10:46 Approving Change Order #3 for the 2008 CDBG Barrier Free Curb & Ramp Improvements for a 2.84% Increase (\$2,075.00)
- 10:47 Accepting the 2008 CDBG Barrier Free Curb & Ramp Improvements Project and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$8,785.03 to Covino & Sons Construction Co.
- 10:48 Authorizing the refund of \$23.40 to Hyon Kim, 1 Villa Ct. for an overpayment of dog licenses
- 10:49 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and the Norwood Board of Education for Motor Vehicle Fuel

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo 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 10:01:

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

Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood entitled
“Police Department”

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 10:01 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Condoleo, Rapaport and Nicolai
Nays: None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 10:01 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Press Journal.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Marino:

Board of Health: Mr. Marino announced that a Health Fair will be held on April 10, 2010. The Board of Health has requested that an additional \$250-\$500 be added to their budget for the fair. Mr. Rapaport informed that he and his wife would donate \$250 towards the cost of the fair.

Recreation: The Recreation Committee is putting the finishing touches on a Uniform Coaching Application and should adopt it at their March meeting. In regards to background checks, the Committee is reaching out to other towns to see how they handle this. There is a water problem along the second base side of Knickerbocker Field that requires the Engineer to look at and address.

Councilwoman Orecchio:

Board of Education: Mrs. Orecchio informed that she along with the Mayor and Borough Administrator will be meeting with representatives from Norwood Public School regarding shared services. She will have more to report at a later date.

Emergency Medical Services: The end of the year report has not been completed, but should be ready for the March meeting.

Councilman Scott:

Construction Department: Mr. Scott read the Building Department's monthly report (Attachment "A"). Mr. Scott also informed of the Knights of Columbus' Annual Fish Fry this coming Friday.

Council President Condoleo:

Finance: Mr. Condoleo announced that the Borough recently installed a lock box between the two doors in the front of the building. The box will afford Norwood residents the opportunity to drop off their tax payments after hours in a secure manner. The policy is "No Cash". The finance committee will meet shortly to address the municipal budget.

Fire Department: Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department's December Monthly Report.

Councilman Rapaport:

Planning Board: Mr. Rapaport informed that the Planning Board recently approved an application by Environmentally Friendly Products for an expansion of their facility.

Beautification Committee: Mr. Rapaport reported that the Borough has made progress at the County level for approval of their plan.

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport referenced the Police Department's Monthly Report (Attachment "C").

Personnel: The Committee is presently in negotiations with the Police Department and DPW workers.

Councilman Nicolai:

Environmental Commission: The Commission has requested that the Mayor and Council approve a resolution supporting and participating in the Sustainable New Jersey Municipal Certification Program. Mayor Barsa informed this will be discussed at the next work session.

As part of the Recycling Tonnage Grant, the committee has proposed a Recycling Contest for the children of Norwood Public School and Holy Family Catholic Academy for grades K-8. The date of the contest will be March 26, 2010.

Department of Public Works: Mr. Nicolai informed that Mr. DiRese has acquired four 275 gallon tanks for the mixing of a brine solution. The Brine is then sprayed on the streets 24-36 hours prior to a snow fall to help with the de-icing. The tanks were donated by Earth Friendly Products.

Mayor Barsa informed that Borough Hall will be closed on Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day respectively.

General Public Comment:

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

Mr. Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court corrected the date he gave previously regarding the gun shots he heard. Mr. Salerno was reminded to contact the police with any complaint he may have.

Mr. Tom Brizzolara, 320 High Street commended the Police Department for their handling of a recent dog bite on his son David. Mr. Brizzolara asked the Council if they have reviewed the Police Department's monthly and annual summons reports. Mr. Brizzolara expressed a concern for the drop in the number of tickets issued and questioned if the Council has questioned the reasons. Mr. Brizzolara also asked the Council if they were looking into other areas to generate revenue in light of the loss of revenue in the building department.

Mrs. Barbara Altenbach, 52 Burlington Street also commended the Police Department for coming to her aid recently.

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

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Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk