

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
June 8, 2011**

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 8:00 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 Press Journal, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk’s office and posting on the bulletin board.”

Roll Call:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Nicolai	Present
Councilman Scott	Present
Council President Orecchio	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Marino	Present (Arrived at 8:15 PM)

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.

Mayor Barsa welcomed Mr. Gus Burnett, who has been absent from the meetings for a few months due to an illness.

Councilman Rapaport requested permission to read a prepared statement. Mayor Barsa granted him permission to do so. Mr. Rapaport apologized for an incident that took place over the weekend that caused a problem for Chief Krapels. Mr. Rapaport stated that the efforts of the PBA should be commended and that he meant no disrespect to anyone. Chief Krapels responded that in the future, should an organization wish to use the announcement board; he will request approval from the Mayor and Council prior to using the equipment. Mr. Nicolai asked if he could make a comment.

Mayor Barsa requested that Mr. Nicolai hold his comment until his committee report.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:**

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

Mr. Murray Bass, 331 Piermont Road congratulated the candidates (Barsa, Scott and Orecchio) on the votes they received during the Primary Election and urged everyone to come out and support the candidates in November.

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

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations for the month of June:

Flag Day – June 14, 2011  
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month  
Scleroderma Awareness Month

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Constance Klein resigning her position on the Ethics Board
2. Letter from Kathleen A. Donovan, County Executive informing that there will be no tax increase in this year's County Budget
3. Check in the amount of \$8,296.26 for the 2011 Clean Communities Grant
4. Letter dated May 16, 2011 from Senator Loretta Weinberg regarding Senate Bill 1351
5. Letter dated May 13, 2011 from Harold J. Wirths, Commissioner for the Department of Labor informing of training grant awarded to H. Galow Company
6. Letter dated May 23, 2011 from Bergen County Prosecutor John Molinelli regarding County Police Consolidation Grant Program
7. Letter dated May 23, 2011 from Noreen Best, Acting Director of Community Development regarding appointments to the Community Development Committee.

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 requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2011 Regular Meeting and the May 25, 2011 Budget Adoption Meeting

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 11:119 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,026,918.62
- 11:120 Appointing Councilman Scott to the Community Development Regional Committee and Lorraine McMackin as the Alternate
- 11:121 Appointing Councilman Scott as the Municipal Representative for the Bergen County Open Space Committee and Lorraine McMackin as the Alternate
- 11:122 Authorizing a refund of \$2,410.48 for a tax overpayment to Hikmet & Marlene Dine, 100 Broadway
- 11:123 Authorizing the CFO to void certain checks and re-issue new checks if necessary
- 11:124 Authorizing a refund of \$500.00 for a tax overpayment due to Homestead Rebate Credit to Jerry & Michelina Squillante, 34 Pierson Avenue

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport 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 Nicolai:**

Mr. Nicolai expressed his opinion that he felt Chief Krapels should have discretion to put up the message board without Council approval.

### Environmental Commission:

Mr. Nicolai reported that progress is being made on the Fox Hill Trails Grant Application.

### Department of Public Works:

Mr. Nicolai informed that the aerators have been installed at the pond and the pond has been treated for algae. Mr. Nicolai requested permission for Norwood EMS to utilize one of the DPW "Gators" during special events to enable them to have more mobility in the event of an emergency. It was the consensus for the Council to grant permission.

**Councilman Scott:**

Construction Office:

Mr. Scott read the Construction Fee Report for the month of May, Attachment "A".

Mr. Scott thanked Norwood American Legion Post 272 for the excellent job they did in putting together the Memorial Day Parade and for providing all of the refreshments served after the parade.

Seniors:

Mr. Scott reported that the Senior Citizen Club held an open house on Monday, June 6, 2011 in which 25 people attended. The purpose of the open house was to allow seniors an opportunity to share their concerns and suggestions.

**Council President Orecchio:**

Board of Education:

No report was given at this time.

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the May 2011 Norwood EMS report, Attachment "B".

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2011, Attachment "C".

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo requested that the Council review the Audit Report for 2010 that was provided to them and said he would be meeting with the Finance Committee to address some of the issues in the report.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Planning Board:

No report at this time, the board has not met.

Personnel:

The arbitration hearing for the PBA Contract will be held later this month.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport informed that the Norwood Police Department recently conducted a Click It-or Ticket campaign and a number of summonses were issued for failure. Mr. Rapaport reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report, Attachment "D".

Beautification Committee:

Some progress.

**Councilman Marino:**

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino read the Board of Health May Report, Attachment "E". Mr. Nicolai requested a joint meeting between the Board of Health and Mayor and Council to address the Board's intention to limit the number of pets a homeowner may have. Mayor Barsa invited the Board to come to the June 29, 2011 Work Session.

**Public Comment:**

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for comment. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

The Commander of the American Legion thanked the Mayor and Council for their participation in the parade.

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. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Closed Session:**

It was moved by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:125 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session to discuss an amendment to the Fox Hill Manor Master Deed. On the roll call vote, all Council Members voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that formal action may be taken when the Council reconvenes into open session.

Upon returning from closed session, Mayor Barsa requested that the Clerk read the ordinance for introduction. The Clerk read into the record Ordinance 11:07 An Ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to Amended Ground Lease with Fox Hill Manor Condominium Association, Inc. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to introduce this ordinance at first reading. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion. Mayor Barsa announced that this ordinance will have its second reading on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Condoleo to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk