

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

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, 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
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Marino	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Condoleo	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.

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.

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

Proclamations:

Mayor Barsa invited the Falkenstern Family to come forward as he read the proclamation declaring March 8, 2012 as Eleanor Falkenstern Day in Norwood.

WHEREAS, Eleanor Falkenstern, a Norwood resident since 1928, was a familiar face at the Norwood Public School and Library; and

WHEREAS, she worked as the school's administrative secretary for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, after retiring in 1977, she began volunteering at the Norwood library where her duties included scrapbooking newspaper articles about Norwood and its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Record named her Volunteer of the Week in June 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Falkenstern also extended her volunteerism to the Light Brigade of Bergen County, which helped the blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Falkenstern passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the age of 94 and was a shining example for Public Servants; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders declared January 18, 2012 as Eleanor Falkenstern Memorial Day in the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood wishes to honor this long-time resident who gave so selflessly to Borough institutions and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood declares today, February 8, 2012 as

Eleanor Falkenstern Memorial Day in the Borough of Norwood

and extends its condolences to the many members of the Falkenstern family.

Mayor Barsa presented Mr. Alan Falkenstern with a copy of the proclamation.

Mayor Barsa also read the following proclamation:

READ ACROSS AMERICA

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Norwood stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2012, which would have been the 108th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America-NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood calls on the citizens of the Borough to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2012.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA'S Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Correspondence:

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Northern Valley Regional School District announcement of school board candidate information.
2. Letter from Matthew G. Capizzi, Esq. representing the Fermano's, 316 Piermont Road requesting the purchase of Borough Property (Block 15, Lot 4).
3. Letter from former Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk thanking the residents of District 39 for the opportunity to serve them for the past 20 years.
4. Letter from Freeholder John Driscoll, Jr. thanking the Borough for their support while he was Chairman of the Freeholder Board.
5. Notice from Bergen County Community Development of the Northern Valley Regional Committee Meeting on February 2, 2012.
6. Letter from the Norwood Historical Society recommending the appointment of Judith Lamp as Borough Historian.
7. Letter from Marc Schrieks, Chair Flood Advisory Committee notifying of the formation of the 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. Mr. Nicolai requested that Resolution 12:51 be tabled for further discussion. Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2012 Reorganization Meeting, the December 28, 2011 Work/Executive Meeting and the January 18, 2012 Special Budget Meeting.

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 12:41 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,051,775.32
- 12:42 Authorizing a street opening permit for Piermont Road between the Blanch Avenue Culvert in Closter to Broadway in Norwood to PSEG
- 12:43 Appointing Ryan W. Corsaro, 636 D'Ercole Court as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co. No. 1, Explorer Post 911
- 12:44 Authorizing Change Order No. 3 for the Drainage Improvements on Livingston Street
- 12:45 Authorizing the CFO to issue the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$417.76 to William and Candace Sposa, 935 Broadway

Consent Agenda Continued:

- 12:46 Authorizing the CFO to issue the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$35.00 to Richard and Flora Hochenberg, 10 Chaffee Circle
- 12:47 Authorizing the CFO to issue the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$516.25 to the Linsin Estate, C/O David Watkins Esq. 285 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ
- 12:48 Approving the LOSAP Program list submitted by the Norwood Fire Company No. 1
- 12:49 Authorizing a street opening permit for 50 Glenn Avenue to United Water
- 12:50 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to become a member of the Interboro Mutual Aid Group
- 12:51 Authorizing Execution of License Agreement with ASCAP **TABLED**
- 12:52 Appointing Donald Helmstetter as Borough Appraiser and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contract
- 12:53 Appointing Helene C. Herbert, Esq. as Special Tax Counsel and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contract
- 12:54 Appointing Michael Kauker of Kauker and Kauker as Borough Planner and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contract

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

Introduction of Ordinance 12:01:

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

Authorizing the Acquisition by a gift of property known as Block 71, Lot 4 and Block 66, Lot 3 in the Borough of Norwood

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 12:01. On the roll call vote:

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

On a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:01 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Nicolai – no report at this time

Councilman Scott – no report at this time

Councilwoman Orecchio – no report at this time

Council President Marino – no report at this time

Councilman Rapaport informed that the Mayor and Council will be interviewing potential police candidates at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. It was requested that all questions and resumes be sent to the Council prior to the meeting.

Councilman Condoleo - said he would read his reports at the next meeting.

Presentation:

Mayor Barsa invited Harrington Park Mayor, Paul Hoelscher to come forward and help him present certificates to the Norwood Raiders Junior Football Team for their Super Bowl Victory and undefeated season. The Norwood Raiders presented the Mayor and Council with their Super Bowl trophy. All were invited to remain at the end of the meeting for refreshments.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Nicolai to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk