

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
APRIL 11, 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	Absent
Councilman Scott	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Marino	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Absent
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 Mrs. Orecchio 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 Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa read the following Proclamation:

Alcohol Awareness Month

***WHEREAS**, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons ages 10-21 and*

***WHEREAS**, almost 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicide and*

***WHEREAS**, approximately 15 million current drinkers in the United States are dependent on alcohol; and*

***WHEREAS**, adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs; and*

***WHEREAS**, young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; and*

***WHEREAS**, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and*

***WHEREAS**, alcohol is involved in fifty percent of criminal assault, traffic, theft, fraud, vandalism and sex crime cases in the juvenile justice system. Older friends and siblings are the primary source by which underage youth obtain alcohol. Providing alcohol to minors is against the law, and that together we should work to keep it out of their hands, and*

***WHEREAS**, it is imperative that we join with others in advancing efforts to strengthen the enforcement of our underage drinking laws, and build partnerships among local agencies, elected officials, law enforcement, businesses, schools, and communities to prevent underage drinking and alcoholism;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor James P. Barsa** join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and The New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control and do hereby proclaim that April 2012 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the Borough of Norwood.*



***WHEREAS**, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and*

***WHEREAS**, this holiday, call Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and*

***WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and*

***WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and*

***WHEREAS**, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and*

***WHEREAS**, trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa**, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Norwood, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and*

***FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.*

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from Governor Christie informing of Norwood's savings under the new pension and health benefit reform act.
2. Letter from Governor Christie informing the Borough of the award of \$86,000 for the Broadway Sidewalk project as part of the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
3. Letter from Assemblyman Schroeder informing the Borough of the award of \$86,000 for the Broadway Sidewalk project as part of the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
4. Letter from Senator Cardinal informing the Borough of the award of \$86,000 for the Broadway Sidewalk project as part of the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
5. Letter from Mr. Brian Gatens, Superintendent/Principal Norwood Public School inviting the Mayor and Council to attend their budget presentation meeting on March 26, 2012
6. Letter from Assemblywoman Schepisi thanking the Borough for their passage of an Anti-Semitic Resolution and offering her full support

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. Scott requested that Resolution 12:93 be removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote. There being no other request, Mayor Barsa requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Regular Meeting.

- 12:77 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,426,442.77
- 12:78 Granting permission to Family Promise of Bergen County to travel through Norwood during their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Bergen
- 12:79 Authorizing the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- 12:80 Authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the purchase of A Kubota F3080 Our-front Tractor Mower with Snow Accessories
- 12:81 Authorizing the Tax Collector to reduce and refund the 2010 taxes on Block 94, lot 8 in the amount of \$564.94 due to a Tax Court Judgment.

**Consent Agenda Continued:**

- 12:82 Authorizing the Tax Collector to reduce and refund the 2009 taxes on Block 94, lot 8 in the amount of \$1,341.36 and 2010 taxes in the amount of \$1,694.81 due to a Tax Court Judgment
- 12:83 Authorizing the Tax Collector to reduce and refund the 2010 taxes on Block 15, lot 1 in the amount of \$2,939.40 due to a Tax Court Judgment.
- 12:84 Authorizing the Tax Collector to reduce and refund the 2008 and 2009 taxes on Block 87, lot 1 in the amount of \$5,240.64 for 2008 and \$5,458.18 due to a Tax Court Judgment
- 12:85 Authorizing the Tax Collector to reduce and refund the 2010 taxes on Block 3, lot 4 in the amount of \$4,655.78 due to a Tax Court Judgment.
- 12:86 Authorizing the Tax Collector to reduce and refund the 2010 taxes on Block 129, lot 6 in the amount of \$1,438.65 due to a Tax Court Judgment
- 12:87 Resolution calling for the restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities
- 12:88 Appointing Kunjesh Trivedi, Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent for a one-year term to expire on March 8, 2013
- 12:89 Opposing Senate Bills 1451 and 1452
- 12:90 Appointing Krystianna M. Aanonsen, 163 Somerset Road as an Explorer for Norwood Fire Co., No. 1, Explorer Post 911
- 12:91 Approving an Agreement for land surveying services for a portion of Jay Street
- 12:92 Approving an Agreement between the Borough of Norwood and the Norwood Board of Education to maintain their grounds at a cost of \$11,500 and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement
- 12:93 Authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Fox Hill Trail Reconstruction
- 12:94 Authorizing the Borough of Norwood to enter into an Agreement with the County of Bergen for Emergency Services Notification System
- 12:95 Awarding a contract to Robert McNerney of McNerney & Associates, Inc. to prepare an appraisal of property in the Borough
- 12:96 Refunding and Cancelling taxes for Block 167, Lot 5, Essig Street
- 12:97 Awarding a contract to First Environment for \$5,100.00 as the Borough's Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) to submit an Initial Receptor Evaluation Report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26E-1.15

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

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It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Resolution 12:93. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Scott who voted no.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai**

In the absence of Mr. Nicolai, no report was given.

**Councilman Scott**

Construction:

Mr. Scott read the Building Department Monthly Report, Attachment "A".

Library:

Mr. Scott informed that the Norwood Public Library Board presented their plans before the Mayor and Council and he feels that Norwood will have the best library in Bergen County.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the Monthly Report, Attachment "B".

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that the Annual School Election will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2012 and polls will be open from 2-9 PM.

**Council President Marino**

Utilities:

Mr. Marino informed that the committee has been in contact with numerous professionals regarding solar energy and most are of the opinion that the Borough should wait to proceed with the installation of solar panels. The committee will continue with their research and additional reports will be forthcoming.

**Councilman Rapaport**

In the absence of Mr. Rapaport, no report was given.

**Councilman Condoleo**

Fire Department:

Mr. Condoleo read the March Report, Attachment "C".

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Haring Cemetery:

A meeting was held prior to the Council Meeting and all members of the committee have agreed to move forward with the revised plan. Bids will be advertised for in the near future.

Finance:

Mr. Condoleo reminded that the Budget Hearing is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

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

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

**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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk