

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 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 8:00 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, 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	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.

Mayor Barsa thanked Chief Krapels and the Norwood Police Department for the outstanding job they did during Hurricane Sandy keeping the residents informed and the town safe. Mayor Barsa also thanked the Norwood DPW for clearing all of the roads prior to the storm to help alleviate potential flooding. A round of applause was given following the Mayor’s comments.

Mayor Barsa announced that due to the ongoing rat problem in West Norwood, the Borough will be hiring an exterminator to investigate the area and report his findings at the November 28 Work Session. The public is invited to attend this information session that will begin at 7:30 PM. Mayor Barsa stated that he felt that the Borough has gone above and beyond its legal responsibility in this matter.

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**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. Everson, 26 Burlington Street asked for an update on the property maintenance issue at 1027 Blanch Avenue. He was informed that the Borough has contacted the Bank that holds the mortgage on the property with a notice to correct the violations. The Police Chief will be asked to have his Department check the property for vandalism and continue to monitor it.

Mrs. Carol Everson, 26 Burlington Street wanted to know what the Borough is going to do about the property owner on Adams Street since she is a hoarder and continues to bring junk onto her property. Mayor Barsa informed that the Borough continues to work with Mrs. McLearie to clean up her property and to date all violations have been taken care of. Mayor Barsa cautioned that Mrs. McLearie has the right to her privacy and way of life as long as it doesn't violate any borough ordinances.

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

**Proclamations:**

Mayor Barsa read the following proclamations:

VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, Veterans Day commemorates the Courage and Patriotism of the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, this day commemorated the end of fighting in World War I on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1918 as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 a law was adopted to make the day a Federal holiday and in 1954 Congress changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, special services are always held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia to honor Veterans of all wars in remembrance of all who sacrificed their lives for their Country and this tradition of honor is carried throughout the Nation as our debt of gratitude to those who have shared the horror and confusion of war and sacrificed their lives for the privilege of our freedom; and

WHEREAS, it is a day for recollection for those who survived and have deeply within themselves a personal memory of the losses suffered and it is a day of remembrance by all who enjoy the freedom in this great Country and the price that was paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in this 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the ending of World War II, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, by this Proclamation, perpetuates the tribute on November 11, 2012 to our Veterans of all wars, never to be forgotten.

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**Proclamations Continued:**

THANKSGIVING 2012

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities; and

WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and of course, families themselves; and

WHEREAS, during Thanksgiving week we all should take time to honor the importance of families, and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round; and

WHEREAS, we all should recommit to enhancing and extending all families' connections; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance and resources of agencies and organizations such as the Alliance for Children and Families and its local member agency, Children's Aid and Family Services, we can help families of all shapes and sizes create a better future for all of the Borough of Norwood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Barsa, Mayor of the Borough of Norwood, do hereby proclaim November 18 through November 24 as *Norwood Family Week*, and I commit this observance to the people of Norwood.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Notification letter from New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency announcing the continuation of the New Jersey Home Keeper Program
2. Letter from David N. Grubb, Executive Director, Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund informing of the 2013 Budget Incentive Plan
3. Letter from Senator Gerald Cardinale informing that the Borough of Norwood was awarded \$20,424.54 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Recycling Tonnage Grant
4. Letter from Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund announcing Safety Emergency Responder Vehicle Education (SERVE) program
5. Letter from John Kopf, Store Manager, ShopRite of Northvale thanking Mayor Barsa for participating in Help Bag Hunger Day
6. Letter from Sustainable New Jersey informing of the Borough's selection for a 2012 Sustainable Jersey small grant in the amount of \$2,000
7. Letter from Lori Brodie, 410 Tappan Road thanking Alan Schrader and the Norwood DPW for their help during Hurricane Sandy

Mayor Barsa informed that anyone wishing a copy of the correspondence could request it from the Borough Clerk.

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**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:

Approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2012 Work/Executive Session, October 10, 2012 Regular Meeting and October 24, 2012 Work/Executive Session.

- 12:179 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,548,309.87
- 12:180 Authorizing Membership into the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission
- 12:181 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to issue Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals for 2013
- 12:182 Authorizing Execution of an ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant Program between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Norwood
- 12:183 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation for the FY 2012 of \$20,242.54 from the Recycling Tonnage Grant
- 12:184 Supporting A-3393, Legislation to Protect Residential Property Taxpayers for the loss of Telecommunications Tax Support
- 12:185 Authorizing a Street Opening Permit (No. 06:17) to United Water New Jersey for the intersection of Railroad Avenue and South Street
- 12:186 Authorizing the CFO to issue a refund in the amount of \$28.00 to Richard M. Delury and Kimberley Carlin for a Marriage License that was issued in error

The motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Introduction of Ordinance 12:11:**

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

*An Ordinance Amending Towing and Storage Rates for the Code of the Borough of Norwood, Chapter 215*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve Ordinance 12:11. On the roll call vote:

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

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**Introduction of Ordinance 12:11 Continued:**

Absent: Nicolai

On a roll call vote of five (5) ayes and no nays Ordinance 12:11 was declared approved. Mayor Barsa announced the public hearing on this ordinance would be Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai**

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

**Councilman Scott**

Library: Mr. Scott reported that the plans to renovate the Norwood Public Library are complete and the Library Board will be appearing before the Planning Board on November 19 for their approval.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

Board of Education: No report was given.

Norwood EMS: Mrs. Orecchio reported that Norwood EMS responded to 264 calls.

**Council President Marino**

Board of Health: Mr. Marino had no report at this time.

**Councilman Rapaport**

Police Department: Mr. Rapaport reported that the Chief has begun compiling the information needed to file a report to FEMA for Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Rapaport also suggested that the governing body look into installing a generator at Borough Hall so that they may remain open during a disaster to assist the residents.

Livingston Street Beautification: Mr. Rapaport reported that one of the decorative lights was damaged when the roof blew off of Norwood Self Storage during the Hurricane.

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department: Mr. Condoleo read the Fire Department's October Monthly Report, Attachment "A".

**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Chief Krapels praised the efforts of Norwood EMS and Fire Department for all that they did during Hurricane Sandy. They responded to over 200 calls during the night of the storm and the Chief said he was thankful that there were no injuries.

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.

Mayor Barsa announced the retirement of Mr. Camilo DiRese, Superintendent of the Road Department and praised him for his many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Norwood.

**Closed Session:**

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve Resolution 12:187 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing the retirement of Mr. DiRese. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 12:187 and carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk