

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 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 7:40 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.

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**Presentation:**

Mayor Barsa invited Mr. Mitch Rosenthal to come forward to make the presentations for the Norwood Runners Association. Mr. Rosenthal thanked all of the Mayor and Council and Borough Staff for their continuous support. He reported that since the inception of the 5 K Run, they have donated \$130,000 to Norwood Organizations and noteworthy charities. Mr. Rosenthal presented Lt. Col. Blanch Reynolds, Salvation Army with a check for \$1,500 and the Norwood PTO, Fire Department, EMS and Library with \$4,000 respectively. All thanked the Runner's Association for their generosity.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. A letter from Vantage Health Systems regarding the services they provide
2. Letter from Cablevision regarding the loss of services during Hurricane Sandy
3. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Cedar Court to Police Chief Krapels commending his department for their outstanding services during Hurricane Sandy

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:

Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2012 Regular/Executive Meeting and November 28, 2012 Work/Executive Session.

- 12:194 Authorizing the payment of bills and vouchers in the amount of \$4,324,195.24
- 12:195 Authorizing the cancelling of various grants that have been closed out
- 12:196 Authorizing the Cancelling of Current Fund Reserve Balances in the amount of \$48,444
- 12:197 Authorizing the release of Escrow Funds to John Hunter, 19 Mohawk Avenue, Block 10, Lot 19 in the amount of \$500.00

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**Consent Agenda Continued:**

12:198 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation for the FY 2012 of \$1,725.92 from the Body Armor Grant, \$2,426.95 from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant and \$2,000 from Sustainable Jersey Small Grant

12:199 Authorizing 2012 Budget Appropriation Transfers in the amount of \$4,000.00

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

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 12:11 entitled:**

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport 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 Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 12:11 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Condoleo. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Scott, Orecchio, Marino, Rapaport and Condoleo

Nays: Nicolai

There being five (5) ayes and one (1) nay, Ordinance 12:11 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in the Record.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Nicolai**

Road Department:

Mr. Nicolai requested that residents not place their branches or brush in the leaf piles. The DPW is trying to complete the leaf pick up for the season and then they will continue chipping the brush and branches.

Environmental Commission:

The Environmental Commission is working on completing the Sustainability Grant for next year as well as revamping the Green Team.

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**Councilman Scott**

Mr. Scott had nothing to report at this time.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

Board of Education:

Mrs. Orecchio informed that Norwood Public School will be performing at the Senior Club's luncheon this month.

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio had nothing to report at this time.

**Council President Marino**

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino thanked Mr. Scott for attending the Board of Health meeting in his absence. He reported that the Board adopted a new fee schedule for their establishments.

**Councilman Rapaport**

Livingston Street Beautification:

Mr. Rapaport thanked the Mayor for his efforts in getting the lights turned back on after the hurricane.

Planning Board:

Mr. Rapaport informed that there is an application pending before the Board this month.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport reported that things have quieted down following Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Rapaport thanked Mayor Barsa for participating in the annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony.

**Councilman Condoleo:**

Fire Department:

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

Finance Department:

Mr. Condoleo reported that the Borough's finances are in good shape for closing out the year and we may see an increase on the revenue side of the budget.

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At this time, Mayor Barsa invited Mr. Rosenthal to come forward and present the Fire Department with their check from the 5K Run.

**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open 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.

Mitch Rosenthal, 50 Adams Avenue inquired about the vacant house on Blanch Avenue and the pending violations. The Mayor informed that we will check the status of the violations with the Construction Office tomorrow. Mr. Rosenthal thanked the governing body for all of their efforts in rectifying a bad situation.

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.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 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