

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2014**

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 7:05 PM and led those in attendance in a salute to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance.

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 Star Ledger, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk’s office and posting on the bulletin board.”

Roll Call:

Mayor Barsa	Present
Councilman Brizzolara	Present
Councilman Marino	Present
Councilwoman Orecchio	Present
Council President Scott	Present
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Ascolese	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 read the following proclamations into the record:

Flag Day, June 14, 2014  
Scleroderma Awareness Month  
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Barsa read the following correspondence into the record:

1. Letter from County of Bergen, Department of Public Works regarding the 2014-2016 Snow Plowing Program
2. Letter from Norwood Public Library inviting the governing body to the Opening Party for the Barbara Shaw Memorial Children's Wing on Saturday, June 21 at 10:15 a.m.
3. Letter from Governor Christie informing of the Borough's award of a \$149,000 NJDOT Grant for Livingston Street Phase III
4. Letter from Bergen County informing of the Borough's need to requalify as entitlement group under the Community Development Block Grant Program for a 3-year period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018
5. Letter from Chief Krapels requesting appointment of Dominick Ghione as a permanent Police Officer for the Norwood Police Department
6. Letter from Chief Krapels requesting appointment of Perry Duelfer as a permanent Police Officer for the Norwood Police Department

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

Mayor Barsa asked for motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014 Regular/Executive Meeting. It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the minutes. On the roll call vote, all members present voted for the motion with the exception of Mrs. Orecchio who abstained.

**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 called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2014 Work/Executive Meeting.

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- 14:116 Authorizing the payment of Bills and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,978,421.46
- 14:117 Appointing Ptl. Perry Duelfer as a permanent Police Officer for the Norwood Police Department
- 14:118 Appointing Ptl. Domenick Ghione as a permanent Police Officer for the Norwood Police Department
- 14:119 Authorizing Snow Plow Agreement with Bergen County for 2014-2016
- 14:120 Authorizing inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program

**Consent Agenda Continued:**

- 14:121 Appointing Councilman Barry Scott to serve as the Municipal Representative on the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
- 14:122 Appointing Councilman Barry Scott to serve as the Municipal Representative on the County Development Regional Committee
- 14:123 Rejecting the Bids for Kennedy Park Baseball Backstop Replacement and Authorizing Preparation of Revised Specifications
- 14:124 Authorizing the CFO to void certain checks
- 14:125 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Broadway Sidewalk Installation Program

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

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 14:08 entitled,**

*Ratifying and Confirming an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Jay Street in the Borough of Norwood*

It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to open the meeting to the public for discussion on this ordinance. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. There being no member of the public wishing to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to close the meeting to the public. The motion was declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. A motion to adopt Ordinance 14:08 was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Marino, Orecchio, Scott, Rapaport and Ascolese  
Nays: None

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Brizzolara**

Personnel:

Mr. Brizzolara informed that the personnel committee has interviewed candidates for the position of Tax Collector/CFO and will be discussing their findings in closed session this evening.

Fire Department:

Mr. Brizzolara read the Fire Department May Report (Attachment "A") and reported that they also participated in two drills during the month.

**Councilman Marino**

Board of Health:

Mr. Marino informed that a representative from the state will be present at the June Work Session to answer any questions regarding the establishment of a “Smoke Free Environment” at all public buildings and recreation fields.

Cultural Affairs:

The first concert was held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 with approximately 120 participants. The next concert is schedule for Friday, July 18, 2014.

**Councilwoman Orecchio**

Norwood EMS:

Mrs. Orecchio read the May Report, Attachment “B”.

**Councilman Scott**

Seniors:

Mr. Scott announced that the Borough was awarded \$2,500 in Community Development Grant Funds for senior citizen activities.

Mr. Scott questioned where the new flags where that the American Legion presented to the Mayor and Council. He said that some of the Borough flags were torn and needed to be replaced.

**Councilman Rapaport:**

Beautification: Mr. Rapaport reported that progress is visible on Livingston Street.

Police Department:

Mr. Rapaport announced that the Borough promoted four new sergeants and one captain at the May 28, 2014 Work Session and that one of our officers will be graduating from the academy in June.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board did not meet in May.

**Councilman Ascolese:**

Department of Public Works:

Mr. Ascolese submitted the Road Department’s monthly report for the record, Attachment “C”.

Proposed Fence Ordinance: Mr. Ascolese requested that the governing body continue the conversation regarding the proposed changes to the fence ordinance. He referenced the revision to the Borough’s ordinance regarding fences from 2005 where the section on living fences was removed. Prior to that revision, living fences had to be three feet off of the property line. He suggested that additional research be done and recommended that the governing body reinstate the previous restrictions on living fences. This matter was carried until the June 25, 2014 Work Session.

**General Public Comment:**

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

Ms. Lisa Kurtz, 401 D'Ercole Court complained about the fumes emanating from the Ambulance that was parked in front of Fox Hill Manor during a recent aid call.

Mr. Howard Dean, owner of Norwood Self Storage and Norwood Plaza questioned the success of the drainage project that the Borough completed last year. He said the worst flooding occurred recently during a storm in May. Mr. Dean complained that he permitted the Borough to use the easement and that the contractor damaged his property. Mayor Barsa informed that during the recent rain event, the street did flood, but that the water drained more quickly.

Mr. Dean questioned the vacation of Jay Street to create a parking lot. Mr. Dan Kaufman, Neglia Engineering explained that the vacation was not for the construction of the parking lot, but for a five-foot strip of property on the west side of Jay Street that had been vacated previously, but never recorded with the County.

Mr. Dean asked the governing body to authorize the cleaning and widening of a culvert that goes under the railroad tracks onto Mr. Ghia's property. He said that the pipe is too small and that is also creating a flood hazard. He was informed that the Borough would revisit this project, but that DEP permits would have to be applied for.

Mr. Dean complained about the abandoned Cost Cutter's property and the condition that it is in. He was informed that the contractor is working at the site and that as long as long as he continues to do work the Borough cannot interfere. Mr. Dean requested that the Borough make the contractor clean up the site. Mayor Barsa said he would look into the matter to see what could be done.

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

**Closed Session:**

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve Resolution 14:126 authorizing the governing body to go into closed session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Norwood Police Department. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Upon reconvening in open session, Mayor Barsa offered the following appointment to the Norwood Police Department, Mr. Nicholas Moltzen. It

was moved by Mr. Rappaport, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to affirm the Mayor's appointment. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion. Mr. Moltzen will be begin July 1, 2014.

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**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk