

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAY 25, 2011**

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 8:03 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 and Press Journal, 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
Council President Orecchio	Present
Councilman Condoleo	Absent
Councilman Rapaport	Present
Councilman Marino	Present

Also Present:

Andrew Fede	Borough Attorney
Dan Kaufman	Borough Engineer
Steve Wielkotz	Borough Auditor

Mayor Barsa pointed out the fire exits and requested that all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

Public Hearing of Ordinance 11:03:

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

**CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

It was moved by Mr. Scott 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. Nicolai to close the meeting to the public. A motion to adopt Ordinance 11:03 was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. On the roll call vote:

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 11:03 was approved. Mayor Barsa announced that the ordinance was finally adopted and will take effect upon publication in The Record.

Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget:

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to approve Resolution 11:115 authorizing the Budget to be read by title only. It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Resolution 11:115. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Mayor Barsa invited Mr. Steve Wielkocz, Borough Auditor to come forward to present the 2011 Municipal Budget. Mr. Wielkocz reviewed the process by which the Borough used to prepare this year's municipal budget and how they fell below the 2% State Cap. Mr. Wielkocz said that the average home in Norwood would realize a reduction of \$370.00 in their property tax. Mr. Wielkocz informed that the assessment of the average home in Norwood dropped from \$700,000 to \$549,305 due to the re-assessment.

Mayor Barsa said he would entertain a motion to open the meeting to the public for comments regarding the 2011 Municipal Budget. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to open the meeting to the public for comments regarding the budget. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

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 Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Motion to adopt the 2011 Municipal Budget (Resolution 11:116) was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Nicolai. On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Introduction of Ordinance 11:06:

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

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$146,189.50 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND A VEHICLE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO TRANSFER AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL

*IMPROVEMENT FUND AND UNEXPENDED BOND ORDINANCE BALANCE
AND REAPPROPRIATE SAME TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION"*

It was moved by Mrs. Orecchio and seconded by Mr. Rapaport to approve Ordinance 11:06 on its first reading. On the roll call vote:

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

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

Mr. Mike Murburgh, 15501 No. Florida Avenue, Tampa Fla, said he was the son of Mrs. Thelma Murburgh, 300 Piermont Road. Mr. Murburgh requested that the Mayor and Council vacate a portion of Mohawk Avenue that adjoins the rear of his mother's property and to sell it to him. Mr. Fede, Borough Attorney explained that the Mayor and Council had two options, the first is to offer the property for public sale and the second is to sell it privately. The Council said they would look into this matter further and get back to Mr. Murburgh.

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.

Mayor Barsa informed that the Borough is ready to move forward with the sidewalk project on Blanch Avenue, but Council authorization is needed to go out to bid. It was moved by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio to approve the specifications for the Blanch Avenue Sidewalk Improvements and authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids (Resolution 11:118). On the roll call vote, all Council Members present voted for the motion.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Scott 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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk