

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2013**  
**7:00 PM**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –**

Mayor Bazela called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal building located at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ 07647.

**STATEMENT –**

Mayor Bazela read the “Sunshine Statement” into the record as follows:

*“This is a Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale. The date, time and location of this meeting has been advertised in the official Newspapers of the Borough, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled. Please note the fire exits as required by law at public meetings.”*

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG – SILENT PRAYER –**

Mr. Joe McGuire led the flag salute and Mayor Bazela asked everyone for a moment of silent prayer to remember the troops and residents that have passed away.

**ROLL CALL -**

Mayor Bazela, Councilwoman Libby, Councilman Marana, Councilman Piehler and Councilman Shepard were present. Councilman Sokoloski was absent and Councilman Sotiropoulos arrived late.

Also present Steve Wielkotz, Auditor and Frances Weston, Deputy Borough Clerk.

**INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET –**

Motion made by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilman Shepard to approve Resolution #2013-33, Introduction of the 2013 Budget as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2013-33**

**Introduction of the 2013 Municipal Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenue and appropriation attached hereto constitute the local budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey for the year 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget is to be published in the Record in the issue of April 4, 2013 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Complex on April 24, 2013 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries - Anticipated**

<b>Summary of Revenues</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
1. Surplus	115,000.00	175,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,474,711.00	2,192,612.30
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	513,000.00	415,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	0.0	0.0
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	5,653,766.00	5,653,766.00
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>7,756,477.00</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>
<b>Summary of Appropriations</b>		
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,085,379.00	2,888,442.00
Other Expenses	2,951,498.00	3,766,430.30
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	685,000.00	675,722.00
3. Capital Improvements	40,000.00	25,000.00
4. Debt Service	429,600.00	636,784.00

5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	565,000.00	444,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>7,756,477.00</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>

The entire budget documents is as follows:

**2013  
NORTHVALE MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Borough of Northvale  
116 Paris Avenue  
Northvale, New Jersey 07647  
201-767-3330

Mayor Paul Bazela – 12/31/14  
Council President – Ed Piehler – 12/31/15  
Councilwoman Gloria Libby – 12/31/13  
Councilman Pat Marana - 12/31/13  
Councilman Kenneth Shepard – 12/31/14  
Councilman Roy Sokoloski – 12/31/2014  
Councilman Peter Sotiropoulos – 12/31/15

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS	CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE NUMBER
Municipal Clerk – Wanda A. Worner	#0752
Tax Collector – Suzanne Burroughs	#T1282
Chief Financial Officer – Shuaib Firozvi	#N-0652
Registered Municipal Accountant – Steven D. Wielkotz	CR#00413
Municipal Attorney – Gregg Paster, Esq.	

**2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen for the Fiscal Year 2013.

It is hereby certified that the Budget and Capital Budget annexed hereto and hereby made a part thereof is a true copy of the Budget and Capital budget approved by resolution of the Governing Body on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013 and that public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-6 and NJAC 5:30-4.4(d).

Certified by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013  
Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk  
Shuaib Firozvi, Chief Financial Officer  
116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647  
201-767-3330

Steven D. Wielkotz, Registered Municipal Accountant  
Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA  
401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442  
973-835-7900

**COMMENTS OR CHANGES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION OF DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

The changes or comments which follow must be considered in connection with further action on this budget.  
Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE**

**SECTION 1.**

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen for the Fiscal Year 2013

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2013; Be it Further Resolved that said Budget be published in the Record in the issue of April 4, 2013. The Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2013:

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2013. A Hearing of the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Borough Hall on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:30 PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2013 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET**

	YEAR 2013
<b>General Appropriations</b>	
<b>1. Appropriations within "CAPS"</b>	
(a) Municipal Purposes	5,740,821.00
<b>2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"</b>	
(a) Municipal Purposes	1,450,656.00
<b>Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>1,450,656.00</b>
<b>3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes</b>	<b>565,000.00</b>
<b>4. Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>7,756,477.00</b>
<b>5. Less Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax</b>	<b>2,102,711.00</b>
<b>6. Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (as follows)</b>	
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	5,653,766.00

**SUMMARY OF 2012 APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDED AND CANCELED**

	General Budget
<b>Budget Appropriations – Adopted Budget</b>	<b>7,708,656.00</b>
<b>Budget Appropriations Added by NJS 40A:4-87</b>	<b>727,722.30</b>
<b>Emergency Appropriations</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>

Expenditures: Paid or charged (Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes)	8,302,134.47
Reserved	75,169.09
Unexpected Balances Canceled	59,074.74
Total Expenditures and Unexpended Balances Canceled	8,436,378.30

**Explanations of Appropriations for "Other Expenses"**

The amounts appropriated under the title of "Other Expenses" are for operating costs other than "Salaries & Wages." Some of the items included in "Other Expenses" are: Materials, supplies and non-bondable equipment; repairs and maintenance of buildings, equipment, roads, etc., Contractual services for garbage and trash removal, fire hydrant service, aid to volunteer fire companies, etc.; printing and advertising, utility services, insurance and many other items essential to the services rendered by municipal government.

**2012 "CAPS" CALCULATION**

General Appropriations for 2012	7,708,656.00
Exceptions:	
Less:	
Other Operations	858,725.00
Interlocal Service Agreements	338,585.00
Capital Improvements	25,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	636,784.00
Deferred Charges	25,600.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	444,000.00
Total Exceptions	2,328,694.00
Amount on which 2.00% CAP is applied	5,379,962.00
CAP Amount	107,599.24
Allowable operating appropriations before additional exceptions per NJSA 40A:4-52	5,487,561.24
Add on Modifications: New Construction - \$1,801,000 * 0.662	11,922.62
2011 CAP Bank	76,770.09
2012 CAP Bank	83,888.91
CAP Ordinance	80,699.43
Total allowable appropriations	5,740,842.29

**SUMMARY LEVY CAP CALCULATION**

Prior year amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes		5,653,766
Less: Prior year capital improvement fund		0.00
Less: Prior year deferred charges to future taxation unfunded		0.00
Less: Prior Year Deferred Charges: Emergencies		25,600
Less: Prior year recycling tax		0.00
Less: Changes to service provider: Transfer of Service/Function		0.00
Net Prior Year Tax Levy for Municipal Purpose Tax for CAP Calculation		5,628,166
Plus 2% Cap Increase		112,563
Adjusted Tax Levy		5,740,729
Plus: Assumption of Service/Function		0.00
Adjusted Tax Levy Prior to Exclusions		5,740,729
Exclusions:		
Allowable shared service agreements increase	0.00	
Allowable health insurance cost increase	33,010	
Allowable pension obligations increase	676	
Allowable LOSAP increase	3,116	
Allowable capital improvements increase	5,000	
Allowable debt service capital leases and debt service share of cost increases	0.00	
Recycling appropriation tax	0.00	
Deferred charges to future taxation unfunded	0.00	
Current year deferred charges emergencies	25,600	
Add total exclusions		67,402
Less cancelled or unexpended exclusions		6,699
Adjusted tax levy after exclusions		5,801,432
Additions:		
New ratables – increase in valuations (new construction and additions)	1,801,000	
Prior year's local municipal purpose tax rate (per \$100)	0.662	
New ratable adjustment to levy		11,923
Maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation		5,813,355
Amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes		5,653,766
Amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes under/over Cap (+/-)		159,589

**CURRENT FUND- ANTICIPATED REVENUES**

GENERAL REVENUES	ANTICIPATED 2013	ANTICIPATED 2012	REALIZED IN CASH 2012
Surplus anticipated	115,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
Total Surplus Anticipated	115,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
Miscellaneous revenues			
Licenses:			
Alcoholic Beverages	15,400.00	15,000.00	15,466.25
Other	11,600.00	10,000.00	11,675.00
Fees and Permits	29,700.00	29,000.00	29,768.25
Fines and Costs:			
Municipal Court	71,500.00	74,000.00	71,539.02
Interest and Cost on Taxes	100,000.00	91,000.00	100,669.23
Interest on investments and deposits	2,531.00	3,000.00	2,836.85
Total Section A: Local revenues	230,731.00	222,000.00	231,954.60
Miscellaneous revenues – Section B: State aid without offsetting appropriations			
Consolidated municipal property tax relief aid	35,453.00	46,788.00	46,788.00
Energy receipts tax	525,852.00	514,517.00	514,517.00
Extraordinary aid			
Total State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	561,305.00	561,305.00	561,305.00
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset without	100,000.00	100,000.00	195,536.50

<b>Appropriations</b>			
Total Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset without Appropriations	100,000.00	100,000.00	195,536.50
Special Items of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Approval of the Director of LGS			
Borough of Rockleigh – Police and Court Services	300,000.00	318,585.00	300,000.00
Borough of Rockleigh – Public Works Services	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements with Appropriations	320,000.00	338,585.00	320,000.00
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse		107.93	107.93
Clean Communities Program		7,598.58	7,598.58
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		2,335.34	2,335.34
HDSRF: Tect Danzig		295,577.00	295,577.00
Highway Traffic Safety Program	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Northvale Drug Alliance – Police Golf	675.00	4,097.00	4,097.00
Body Armor Fund		1,638.35	1,638.35
Recycling Tonnage Grant		15,501.10	15,501.10
Title III Older American's Act		13,522.00	13,522.00
USDA Food Program		2,640.00	2,640.00
HDSRF: Deluxe Cleaners		380,705.00	380,705.00
Total Special Items of Revenue	4,675.00	727,722.30	727,722.30
General Revenues			
Uniform Fire Safety Act	27,000.00	26,000.00	27,089.71
Municipal Open Space Tax (Field Maintenance)	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
Donations – Senior Center	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,910.75
Franchise Fee – Cablevision and Verizon	55,000.00	53,000.00	55,004.55
Senior Van Driver	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,024.00
Compost Program – Hillsdale	57,000.00	45,000.00	43,358.00
Total Special Items of Revenues – Other Special Items	258,000.00	243,000.00	246,387.01
Summary of Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	115,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
Local Revenues	230,731.00	222,000.00	231,954.60
State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	561,305.00	561,305.00	561,305.00
Dedicated UCC Fees Offset with Appropriations	100,000.00	100,000.00	195,536.50
Special Items of Revenue – Interlocal Service Agreements	320,000.00	338,585.00	320,000.00
Special Items of Revenue – Public and Private Revenues	4,675.00	727,722.30	727,722.30
Special Items of Revenue – Other Special Items	258,000.00	243,000.00	246,387.01
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,474,711.00	2,192,612.30	2,282,905.41
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	513,000.00	415,000.00	414,678.06
Subtotal General Revenues	2,102,711.00	2,782,612.30	2,872,583.47
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Budget			
Local tax for municipal purpose including reserve for uncollected taxes	5,653,766.00	5,653,766.00	
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	5,653,766.00	5,653,766.00	5,585,087.83
Total General Revenues	7,756,477.00	8,436,378.30	8,457,671.30

**CURRENT FUND – APPROPRIATIONS**

General Appropriations within CAPS	Appropriated 2013	Appropriated 2012	Total 2012w/transfers	Paid or charged	Reserved
<b>Administrative &amp; Executive</b>					
Salaries & Wages	102,712.00	100,720.00	111,720.00	111,633.92	86.08
Other Expenses	90,000.00	80,000.00	74,000.00	73,862.57	137.43
Server Computer Upgrade	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Mayor and Council					
Salaries & Wages	25,917.00	25,407.00	25,907.00	25,857.00	50.00
Other Expenses	583.00	593.00	93.00	0.00	93.00
Financial Administration					
Salaries & Wages	54,305.00	53,245.00	53,245.00	53,239.94	5.06
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,750.00	18,378.80	371.20
Annual Audit	35,500.00	35,500.00	39,750.00	39,750.00	0.00
Collection of Taxes					
Salaries & Wages	53,014.00	51,975.00	51,975.00	51,974.00	1.00
Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,600.00	10,590.12	9.88
Assessment of Taxes					
Salaries & Wages	10,927.00	10,815.00	10,815.00	10,810.02	4.98
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	3,949.68	50.32
Legal Services & Costs					
Other Expenses	98,000.00	75,000.00	40,000.00	38,646.30	1,353.70
Engineering Services & Costs					
Other Expenses	25,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	40,324.79	9,675.21
Planning Board Salary & Wages	4,144.00	4,065.00	4,065.00	4,061.98	3.02
Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	6,000.00	5,339.29	660.71
Redevelopment Study	12,500.00				
Municipal Court					
Salaries & Wages	72,787.00	71,200.00	70,800.00	70,758.60	41.40
Other Expenses	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,500.00	4,082.99	417.01
Prosecutor:					
Salaries & Wages	11,560.00	11,335.00	11,335.00	11,332.88	2.12
Public Defender					
Salaries & Wages	4,526.00	4,440.00	4,440.00	4,436.90	3.10
Public Safety					
Police					
Salaries & Wages	1,567,000.00	1,485,415.00	1,479,415.00	1,462,316.90	17,098.10
Other Expenses	87,500.00	87,500.00	87,500.00	86,882.66	617.34
Interboro Radio	61,910.00	75,000.00	63,700.00	63,684.00	16.00
First Aid Contribution	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Ambulance Other Expenses	3,000.00				0.00
Emergency Management Services					

Salaries & Wages	1,186.00	1,165.00	1,165.00	1,161.94	3.06
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00	275.00	225.00
Fire:					
Rental of Fire House	25,590.00	25,590.00	25,590.00	25,590.00	00
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	41,000.00	40,057.00	943.00
Fire Hydrant Service	90,000.00	80,000.00	83,900.00	83,891.56	8.44
Fire Prevention Bureau					
Salaries & Wages	40,536.00	35,840.00	34,840.00	34,837.92	2.08
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,400.00	2,199.45	200.55
Public Works Functions					
Roads Salaries & Wages	653,000.00	560,000.00	580,500.00	580,215.63	284.37
Other Expenses	50,000.00	50,000.00	45,000.00	42,140.69	2,859.31
Buildings & Grounds	35,000.00	35,000.00	33,000.00	31,521.82	1,478.18
Parks & Playgrounds O & E	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,844.76	155.24
Recycling S & W	5,830.00	5,715.00	5,715.00	5,715.00	0.00
Recycling O & E	12,000.00	10,000.00	16,000.00	15,561.77	438.23
Sewer O & E	6,000.00	5,000.00	9,500.00	9,394.20	105.80
Borough of Norwood	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
Garbage & Trash:					
Collection	185,000.00	180,848.00	185,848.00	185,572.49	0.00
Disposal	185,000.00	180,848.00	181,348.00	181,301.79	(0.00)
INSURANCE:					
Liability Insurance	115,163.00	112,500.00	110,650.00	110,629.25	20.75
Worker's Compensation	115,000.00	112,500.00	111,750.00	111,725.40	24.60
Other Insurance	8,134.00	8,500.00	6,500.00	6,485.22	14.78
Group Insurance Plan	521,159.00	455,104.00	443,604.00	443,604.00	0.00
Board of Health					
Salaries & Wages	23,242.00	22,795.00	22,795.00	22,794.98	0.02
Other Expenses	38,000.00	36,000.00	38,500.00	38,185.64	314.16
Animal Control	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,000.00	5,824.57	1,175.43
Recreation O & E	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Summer Recreation	0.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	4,350.00	650.00
McGuire Center Salaries & Wages	25,000.00				
Other Expenses	40,000.00	40,000.00	56,000.00	53,962.47	2,037.53
Senior Trips O&E	7,000.00	6,000.00	7,700.00	7,678.00	22.00
Public Events O&E	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,150.00	2,098.62	51.38
Senior Van Driver					
Salaries & Wages	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	19,758.58	1,241.42
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Uniform Construction Code					
Salaries & Wages	74,685.00	70,990.00	74,090.00	74,077.12	12.88
Other Expenses	8,500.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	3,922.23	77.77
Code Compliance					
Salaries & Wages	14,008.00	13,735.00	13,735.00	13,731.90	3.10
Other Expenses	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	946.50	53.50
Electricity	80,000.00	77,500.00	66,500.00	55,261.64	11,238.36
Street Lighting	70,000.00	67,500.00	56,500.00	50,757.49	5,742.51
Telephone	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	32,894.29	2,105.71
Water	7,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	7,274.03	225.97
Natural Gas	40,000.00	37,500.00	26,500.00	18,452.74	8,047.26
Vehicle Fuel	85,000.00	65,000.00	80,000.00	75,404.28	4,595.72
Total Operations within "CAPS"	5,081,121.00	4,729,340.00	4,718,390.00	4,643,013.51	75,054.77
Contingent	300.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Operations including contingent within "CAPS"	5,081,421.00	4,729,840.00	4,718,890.00	4,643,013.51	75,054.77
PFRS Contributions	103,136.00	100,610.00	100,610.00	100,610.00	0.00
Social Security System	220,000.00	220,000.00	215,000.00	202,032.08	0.00
Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund	336,264.00	329,512.00	329,512.00	329,512.00	0.00
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures within "CAPS"	659,400.00	650,122.00	645,122.00	632,154.08	0.00
Total Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	5,740,821.00	5,379,962.00	5,364,012.00	5,275,167.59	75,054.77
Privately owned library	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	19,937.33	62.67
BCUA	528,940.00	515,000.00	520,950.00	520,919.79	30.21
CAP Exceptions					
Health Benefits	23,841.00	14,896.00	14,896.00	14,874.56	21.44
Pension Deferral PERS	0.00	204,580.00	204,580.00	204,579.83	0.00
PFRS	0.00	44,249.00	44,249.00	44,248.57	0.00
LOSAPS	38,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	34,200.00	0.00
Total Other Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	630,781.00	858,725.00	864,675.00	838,760.08	114.32
Interlocal Agreements					
Rockleigh Police & Court S&W	300,000.00	318,585.00	318,585.00	300,000.00	0.00
Rockleigh DPW S & W	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Total Interlocal Agreements	320,000.00	338,585.00	338,585.00	320,000.00	0.00
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues					
Mun Alcohol Education		107.93	107.93	107.93	0.00
Clean Communities Program		7,598.58	7,598.58	7,598.58	0.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement		2,335.34	2,335.34	2,335.34	0.00
HDSRF: TECT DANZIG		295,577.00	295,577.00	295,577.00	0.00
Highway Traffic Safety Program	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Northvale Drug Alliance - Police Golf	675.00	4,097.00	4,097.00	4,097.00	0.00

Body Armor Fund		1,638.35	1,638.35	1,638.35	0.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant		15,501.10	15,501.10	15,501.10	0.00
Title III Older Americans Act		13,522.00	13,522.00	13,522.00	0.00
USDA Food Program		2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	0.00
HDSRF: Deluxe Cleaners		380,705.00	380,705.00	380,705.00	0.00
<b>Total Public &amp; Private Programs</b>	<b>4,675.00</b>	<b>727,722.30</b>	<b>727,722.30</b>	<b>727,722.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Total Excluded from CAPS	955,456.00	1,925,032.30	1,930,982.30	1,886,482.38	114.32
Capital Improvement Fund	40,000.00	25,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
Payment of Bond Principal	340,000.00	533,000.00	533,000.00	533,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	88,600.00	102,885.00	102,885.00	102,884.50	
Interest on Notes	1,000.00	899.00	899.00	0.00	
<b>Total for Debt Service</b>	<b>429,600.00</b>	<b>636,784.00</b>	<b>636,784.00</b>	<b>635,884.50</b>	
Deferred Charges					
Emergency Authorization					
Special Emergency	25,600.00	25,600.00	25,600.00	25,600.00	
<b>Total Deferred Charges</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	
Total General Appropriations Municipal Purposes Excluded from CAPS	1,450,656.00	2,612,416.30	2,628,366.30	2,582,966.88	114.32
<b>Subtotal General Appropriations</b>	<b>7,191,477.00</b>	<b>7,992,378.30</b>	<b>7,992,378.30</b>	<b>7,858,134.47</b>	<b>75,169.09</b>
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	565,000.00	444,000.00	444,000.00	444,000.00	
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>7,756,477.00</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>	<b>8,302,134.47</b>	<b>75,169.09</b>
Municipal purposes within "CAPS"	5,740,821.00	5,379,962.00	5,364,012.00	5,275,167.59	75,054.77
Operations Excluded from CAPS					
Other Operations	630,781.00	858,725.00	864,675.00	838,760.08	114.32
Uniform Construction Code	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shared Services Agreements	320,000.00	338,585.00	338,585.00	320,000.00	0.00
Additional App Offset by Revs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public & Private Progs Offset by Revs	4,675.00	727,722.30	727,722.30	727,722.30	0.00
<b>Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>955,456.00</b>	<b>1,925,032.30</b>	<b>1,930,982.30</b>	<b>1,886,482.38</b>	<b>114.32</b>
Capital Improvements	40,000.00	25,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	
Municipal Debt Service	429,600.00	636,784.00	636,784.00	635,884.50	
<b>Total Deferred Charges</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	565,000.00	444,000.00	444,000.00	444,000.00	
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>7,756,477.00</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>	<b>8,436,378.30</b>	<b>8,302,134.47</b>	<b>75,169.09</b>

APPENDIX TO BUDGET STATEMENT

CURRENT FUND BALANCE SHEET – 12/31/12  
ASSETS

Cash and Investments	1,447,713.50
Due From State of New Jersey	0.00
Federal and State Grants Receivable	0.00
Taxes Receivable	520,167.08
Tax Title Liens Receivable	44,101.55
Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation	2,156,700.00
Other Receivables	24,446.08
Deferred Charges Required in 2013 Budget	25,600.00
Deferred Charges Required to be in Budgets Subsequent to 2013	66,800.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,285,528.21</b>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Cash Liabilities	1,047,190.82
Reserves for Receivables	2,745,412.21
Surplus	492,925.18
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,285,528.21</b>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUND OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN CURRENT SURPLUS

	2012	2011
Surplus Balance 01/01	505,795.55	132,660.66
Current Taxes	20,719,186.21	20,421,451.10
Delinquent Taxes	414,678.06	576,428.23
Other Revenues/Income	2,435,747.68	1,875,309.97
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>24,075,407.50</b>	<b>23,005,849.96</b>
Expenditures Required	7,933,303.56	7,347,367.29
School Taxes	13,441,756.34	13,194,251.67
County Taxes	2,136,342.04	1,942,289.78
Special District Taxes	0.00	85,399.92
Other Expenditures	71,080.38	8,745.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,582,482.32</b>	<b>22,578,054.41</b>
Less: to be raised by future taxes		78,000.00
<b>Total Adjusted Expenditures</b>	<b>23,582,482.32</b>	<b>22,500,054.41</b>
<b>Surplus Balance</b>	<b>492,925.18</b>	<b>505,795.55</b>

PROPOSED USE OF SURPLUS IN 2013 BUDGET

Surplus Balance December 31, 2012	492,925.18
Anticipated in 2013 Budget	115,000.00

Surplus Balance Remaining	327,925.18
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ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Councilman Sotiropoulos arrived at 7:03 PM.

Mr. Steve Wielkocz spoke on the 2013 Budget. He stated that there is no municipal tax increase. The tax levy for 2013 is same as 2012 due to surplus generated, paid pension deferrals from 2009 having been paid in full in 2012, and the town has been frugal the last few years. Mr. Wielkocz stated that the municipal tax increase is 0% however we do not know what the county, and school increases will be, if any. This information should be available the end of June. Mayor Bazela questioned if state aid will remain the same. Mr. Wielkocz advised state aid will remain the same so does not raise your budget. Mayor Bazela thanked Mr. Wielkocz. Mayor Bazela is pleased that council is working together, as they are a bipartisan council, and worked hard to introduce this budget for 2013. Mayor Bazela also stated there is no animosity on the council. Mayor Bazela again thanked the council, department heads, and office staff. Mayor Bazela stated they would like to purchase a fire truck to keep the borough safe. Hogan Park will be finished in the near future. He stated that the streetscape at the four corners will be started again and that the school field projects will begin in the very near future. Mayor Bazela stated that the Contracts for the Department of Public Works and the Police Department have been settled and lastly he thanked Councilman Marana for all of his hard work on this budget.

Councilman Marana stated the debt service was down 32.50% this year and almost 50% over the past 2 years. Mr. Wielkocz stated there was a better tax collection rate in 2013 and better surplus and that the town is in good shape for 2014. Councilman Marana stated: the 1st draft of this budget was reviewed on October 2, 2012. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that we have started very early. I think that practice is invaluable. We really have a “working budget” in October and that gives us a whole lot more time to think about things, research issues, speak with department heads, and tweak line items in a way that most benefits Northvale’s taxpayers. We have 5 small business owners on this Mayor and Council. There is also a lot of larger organization experience here. Everyone up here is very aware that we are still operating in a tough economy that is very difficult for Northvale residents and our town’s businesses. I think that we have been very, very diligent in maintaining conservative spending plans in each of the past three years. How we got here .. When Mayor Bazela took office in early January, 2011, we started that year’s budget process with a \$1M shortfall. Cash and other surpluses were dangerously low (\$143,370). We dug out from underneath that budget shortfall in 2011. In addition, the surpluses were increased by over \$900,000 as a result of Council actions, reduced spending, great management of an austerity budget by Department Heads, excellent advice from our financial professionals, and increases in tax collections. In 2012, the Borough maintained that surplus level while using \$175,000 of it to reduce taxes. That restored surplus is exactly what has put us in a position to introduce this budget with no tax increase. Looking forward, the Borough has some capital spending needs that we are going to have to deal with over the next several years. I guess the additional good news is that we are pretty well positioned. Our level of debt isn’t high and our current repayment schedules are very good. In summary, the Borough has been doing a pretty good job fiscally.

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –**

Mayor Bazela opened meeting to public.

**Sue Fredericks of 409 East Avenue** - asked Councilman Marana for an explanation of what surplus means. Councilman Marana explained. Mr. Wielkocz stated that construction fees doubled from previous year which helped this budget. Ms. Fredericks also asked about the condos. Mayor Bazela informed her that second inspection was done and the builder has money to complete the project.

**Chris Carlson of 185 Scharer Avenue** - stated that the council is doing well and that Councilman Marana did great job with budget.

**Joe McGuire of 604 Gladys Court** – stated that he appreciates the partnership between the town and the school and there will be continued cooperation and they help each other out.

Lou Delisio of 608 Woodland Avenue- complimented the council. Mr. Delisio remembers that at one time, a few years ago, the Mayor and Council tried to say a 6.8% increase was reasonable. Mr. Delisio commended Mayor Bazela and Mr. Wielkotz.

There being no further comments or questions from the public at this time; Mayor Bazela closed the hearing of the public.

**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> reading –**

**ORDINANCE #921-2013**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determine that a 1.50% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$80,699.43 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Northvale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.50%, amounting to \$80,699.43, and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Borough of Northvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion made by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to introduce Ordinance #921-2013.

**ON THE QUESTION:** Councilman Marana stated for the record that this Ordinance is an annual event to extend the CAP.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** – All present in favor

**MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS –**

Mayor Bazela stated there are a lot of things going on this year. There is Northvale Day and Memorial Day fireworks which will be at no cost to taxpayers. The Women's Club is having a Town Wide Yard Sale on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bazela stated that the library was closed

last year and Councilman Piehler picked up the ball with Jeff Marcason and Diane Frohlich to start a Media Center. So far the Media center has storytime, books are taken out, they will be getting computers, the other two rooms will be completed this year. DPW did beautiful job cleaning the Media Center. An Eagle Scout painted a great mural on the wall. Mayor Bazela thanked everyone that got the town through the speed bumps.

Councilman Piehler stated that it was nice to have a 0% increase but also to see what is being provided and not being taken away. The zero percent tax “increase” was achieved with no service cuts. He stated that 3 new police officers were hired this year and that a grant was received for Livingston Street and that Northvale has a self- sustaining recreation department.

Councilwoman Libby stated when she was campaigning for office the biggest complaints she heard were about the taxes being so high. She stated that it was great to deliver this news of a 0% increase. She also stated that it was due to the cooperation and teamwork of Mayor and Council.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilman Shepard to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE – All present in favor

PAUL J. BAZELA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frances Weston  
Deputy Borough Clerk

Wanda A. Worner  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED:           APRIL 10, 2013