AGENDA
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
7:30 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

STATEMENT –

"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 –

ROLL CALL –

Name	Present	Absent
Mayor Piehler	☐	☐
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council of June 10, 2015 – Student Government Day

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
☐	☐	Councilman Shepard
☐	☐	Councilman Sokoloski
☐	☐	Councilman Sotiropoulos

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of July 1, 2015

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
☐	☐	Councilman Shepard
☐	☐	Councilman Sokoloski
☐	☐	Councilman Sotiropoulos

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Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
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Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS –

Northvale Police Department to Northvale Volunteer Ambulance Corps Member (Deceased) for Purchase of Self Tourniquets

CORRESPONDENCE & DISCUSSION –

1.   Municipal Court Fines – Request by Court Administrator Doerr

SYNOPSIS – As a result of a 2014 Audit Comment. Borough Attorney office to draft Ordinance.

2.   Letter – Avalon Bay Communities, Inc. – June 4, 2015
                  Re: Formal Notice of Interested Party in Northvale Affordable Housing

SYNOPSIS – AVB is interested in constructing an inclusionary development within Northvale. Pursuant to the decision by the NJ Supreme Court on March 10, 2015…the courts are to adjudicate affordable housing issues and municipal compliance with their affordable housing obligations. AVB is requesting to be added to Northvale's service list for any communication with the court regarding any litigation concerning affordable housing issues.

3.   Letter – State of New Jersey – Office of Attorney General – June 6, 2015
                  Re: FEMA - Notice of Grant Award – Generator Project
                         Northvale Fire House - $83,000 ($75,000 FED/$8,000 MUN)
                         HMGP-DR-4086-NJ-0319-F

SYNOPSIS – Hazard Mitigation Grant from FEMA for generator project. Expediture deadline is May 19, 2017 (Anticipate Bonding in 2016 as agreement is still in process by State).

4.   New Jersey State Statute – NJSA 40A:12-13 Sale of Real Property
                  Re: 155 Veterans Drive - VFW

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE –

Police Department – Northvale/Rockleigh – June
Tax Collector – June
Fire Prevention – June
Building Department – June
Municipal Court – June
Recreation Committee –

ORDINANCES – 2nd reading – (public hearing)

ORDINANCE #952-2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF POLICE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF

NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY – POLICE CHIEF, CAPTAIN

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
☐	☐	Councilman Shepard
☐	☐	Councilman Sokoloski
☐	☐	Councilman Sotiropoulos

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That the following annual salaries, wages and compensation shall be paid to Police Chief and Captain of the Borough of Northvale in the amounts set forth opposite their respective title and commencing on July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 or as otherwise indicated.

Chief of Police $164,285.00

Captain $156,570.00

Section 2. Said compensation is intended to be the sole salaries, wages and compensation of each employee inclusive of longevity and no other compensation shall be given to either employee.

Section 3. All full time employees of the Police Department shall be paid bi-weekly.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication according to the law.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING –

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING –

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

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RESOLUTIONS –

RESOLUTION #2015-74

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM (P.L. 1998, C.145)

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
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☐	☐	Councilman Shepard
☐	☐	Councilman Sokoloski
☐	☐	Councilman Sotiropoulos

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c.145 which permits municipal government to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen that the Volunteer Tuition Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c.145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c.145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-75

TITLE: APPROVE THE 2014 AUDIT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
☐	☐	Councilman Shepard
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☐	☐	Councilman Sotiropoulos

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R. S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction may be fined not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Northvale hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-76

TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE CFO TO REFUND BUILDING PERMIT FEE OF $340.00 AND A ZONING REVIEW FEE OF $50.00 – 422 LONGVIEW COURT

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
☐	☐	Councilman Shepard
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☐	☐	Councilman Sotiropoulos

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFO is hereby authorized to refund the above mentioned fees to:

REINER GROUP INC.
11-7 River Road
Fairlawn, New Jersey 07410

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-77

TITLE: DESIGNATE THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE AS A STIGMA FREE ZONE

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
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WHEREAS, the Bergen County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, supports the designation of Stigma-Free Zones across the County and within every municipality, and;

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 1 in 4 adults [approximately 61.5 million Americans] experiences mental illness in a given year and 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder; approximately 20% of youth ages 13 to 18 and 13% of youth ages 8 to 15 experience severe mental disorders in a given year, and;

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Zones aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma and;

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed, and;

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless, and;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Zones will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Bergen in designating Northvale as a Stigma-Free Zone.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-78

TITLE: TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD ON LATE THIRD QUARTER TAX PAYMENTS DUE TO THE DELAY IN SENDING OUT THE TAX BILLS

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
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WHEREAS, the 2015 Tax Rate is delayed; and

WHEREAS, the 2015/2016 Tax Bills will be mailed out late and the third quarter tax payment is due on August 1, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Tax Collector shall extend the grace period for 25 days after the mailing of the tax bills and will indicate the extended date on an insert to be included with the tax bill. After the extended grace interest will accrue back to August 1, 2015.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-79

TITLE: WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR NORTHVALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INSTALLATION OF NEW ELECTRICAL CONDUIT

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
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BE IT RESOLVED that the fee of $90.00 for the installation of above at the Northvale Public Schools is hereby waived.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-80

TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE CFO TO REFUND ESCROW FEES FOR CONVENIENCE STORE & SERVICE STATION AT TAPPAN AND PARIS AVENUES

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
☐	☐	Councilman Marana
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WHEREAS, Tappan Realty LLC and Ali Enterprises LLC is requesting the release of escrow funds for the above mentioned project; and

WHEREAS, there are no permits or invoices outstanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to release:

Account #95069 - $ 50.00
Account #11004 - $1,257.50
Bond   - $ .17

Total $1,307.67

Check to: Tappan Realty LLC/Ali Enteprises LLC
98 Main Street, 2nd floor
Madison, New Jersey 07940

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Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

RESOLUTION #2015-81

TITLE: **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
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ORDINANCES – 1st reading –

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
☐	☐	Councilwoman Macchio
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ORDINANCE #953-2015

GENERAL BOND ORDINANCE – VARIOUS ITEMS/DEPARTMENTS

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilwoman Macchio	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Marana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Shepard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sokoloski	☐	☐	☐	☐
Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT –

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT –

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT –

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion	Second	Name
☐	☐	Councilwoman Libby
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Councilman Sotiropoulos	☐	☐	☐	☐