

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, July 22, 2015
7:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Piehler called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

STATEMENT –

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

“This is a Special 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 –

Mayor Piehler asked all in attendance to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag and then called for a moment of Silent Prayer.

ROLL CALL –

Name	Present	Absent
Mayor Piehler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman Libby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman Macchio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Marana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Shepard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sokoloski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Also present: Mr. John L. Shahdanian, II Esq., Borough Attorney and Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk.

ORDINANCES – 2nd reading –

ORDINANCE #953-2015

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$514,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

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

Section 1. The Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new additional furnishings and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of various improvements to public property consisting of (i) installation of new gas pumps at the Department of Public Works ("DPW") Yard, (ii) repairs to the drainage system at the DPW Garage, including the installation of an underground oil/water separator, and (iii) remediation of underground storage tanks at the DPW Yard and the White Avenue Pump Station.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$161,246
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,686
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$153,560
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a pickup truck with plow for the use of the DPW.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 34,754
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,664
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 33,090
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. (i) Renovation of the restroom on the main floor of Borough Hall and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new additional furnishings and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Police Department, including, but not limited to: (a) computers and cameras for use in vehicles, (b) a front desk and (c) an SUV.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 68,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,240
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 64,760
Period of Usefulness	5 years

D. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of an ambulance for the use of the Ambulance Corps.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$220,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,480
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$209,520
Period of Usefulness	5 years

E. Implementation of a records management system for Borough documents for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 30,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,430
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 28,570
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$514,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 24,500
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$489,500

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$15,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$24,500, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$24,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$489,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$489,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 8.13 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross

debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$489,500 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 15. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilwoman Libby
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilwoman Macchio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Marana
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Shepard
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OPEN PUBLIC HEARING –

Mayor Piehler opened the public hearing on Ordinance #953-2015.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING –

There being no questions or comments from the public; Mayor Piehler closed the public hearing on Ordinance #953-2015.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

There being no questions or comments from the Council; Mayor Piehler asked for a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL –

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman Macchio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman Sokoloski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FOR DISCUSSION –

Eagle Scout Project – Veterans Banners for Streetscape – Eagle Scout Ward

Ryan Ward – Eagle Scout Project – 319 Bradley Avenue – Distributed copies of Flyers for the project and an application for a banner. Mr. Ward explained that the banner would be paid for by the sponsors. He hopes to have the flyers and applications at the Borough Hall and the Library as soon as possible. (The checks would be made out to the Borough of Northvale and deposited into a sub-account for the Beautification Committee) Mr. Ward stated that he would like to have a deadline of November 1 in order to place the order for the banners. He stated that he intends to have the banners on Livingston Street two sided and there was a discussion on how this could be accomplished. He would like to have the banners displayed from May 2016 – November 2016 and once the Centennial is over, he would like to turn the banners over to the sponsors. He stated that he would also like to have a booth at Town Day so that the scouts could hand out flyers for this project.

There was a discussion as to the placement of the banners should Mr. Ryan get more sponsors than there are poles to hand them on. It was decided that displaying them at Hogan Park as opposed to Veterans Park would be a better idea as there are more activities taking place at Hogan Park.

Mayor Piehler congratulated Mr. Ryan on his project and stated that he also would like to get a banner for his father. At this point; a Motion was made by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilman Shepard to accept Mr. Ryan’s Eagle Scout project; to allow for the funding to be deposited into a borough sub-account under the Beautification Committee and to expend such funds by voucher as with any other department.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Dominic Montalbo – Rio Vista Lane - Questioned the improvements to the DPW facility. He stated at one time a fence was supposed to be erected to hide some of the DPW property from the vision of the residents at Rio Vista. Mayor Piehler asked Mr. Bodrato, Superintendent of Public Works to contact Rio Vista and express interest in having the fencing installed as soon as possible.

CLOSED SESSION –

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilwoman Libby
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councilwoman Macchio
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TITLE: PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – Possible Litigation & Personnel

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Northvale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Council of the Borough of Northvale to discuss in session not open to the public certain matter relating to an item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b, as listed below:

1. Matters required by law to be confidential

2. Matter involving individual privacy
3. Matters relating to a collective bargaining agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale that immediately after the adoption of this resolution the Council shall enter into closed session.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Libby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman Macchio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman Shepard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sokoloski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPEN SESSION –

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Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADJOURNMENT – 7:58 PM

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilwoman Libby
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Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STANLEY E. PIEHLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner
Borough Clerk

Approved: August 12, 2015