

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
7:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Marana called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

STATEMENT

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

“This is a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale. The date, time and location of this meeting have been advertised in the official Newspaper of the Borough, filed with the Acting 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 & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Marana asked everyone to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag led by Rob Pizzi. Mayor Marana also asked everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence to remember John Guercio, our Tax Assessor, who passed away suddenly on July 29th.

ROLL CALL

Name	Present	Absent
Mayor Marana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman DeLisio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Devlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Hogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman McGuire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Also present: Shuaib Firozvi, CFO, Deena Rosendahl, Borough Attorney, Marie Raffay, Borough Engineer, Frances Weston, Acting Borough Clerk

SUSPENSION OF REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Marana suspends the regular order of business at this time in order to entertain the Public Hearing of the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Marana states the increase is 2.1% which will be an increase of \$62 on an average assessed home. Mr. Firozvi explained the budget. He says it is the same budget as last month with no amendments and no changes. He received comments from the DLGS last week and received an approval this week. The municipal levy is up 2.15% and with the ratables increase will be less than 2%. An average house assessed just under \$400,000 will see a municipal tax increase of \$61.99. There were increases to salaries of \$231,000, contractual increased \$73,000, BCUA up \$58,000. There is a debt reduction of \$250,000, deferred \$63,000, and reserve fund up \$45,000. Revenue for the current fund is \$114,000 less. We are using as revenue \$165,000 which is part of the sale of property which was \$670,000. The Rockleigh DPW interlocal is up \$5,000. The library tax levy is down \$10,000.

**Public Hearing
2021 Municipal Budget**

RESOLUTION #2021-133

TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Argiro
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Hogan
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman McGuire
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Sotiropoulos

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 2021.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries - Anticipated

Summary of Revenues	2021	2020
1. Surplus	109,000.00	223,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,590,447.00	1,547,349.49
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	241,000.00	243,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	7,300,000.00	7,130,399.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	325,938.00	335,396.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	7,625,938.00	7,465,795.00
Total General Revenues	9,566,385.00	9,479,144.49
Summary of Appropriations		
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,493,500.00	3,262,253.00
Other Expenses	4,021,619.65	3,970,942.49
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,049,827.35	1,039,714.00
3. Capital Improvements	40,000.00	40,000.00
4. Debt Service	656,438.00	906,235.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	305,000.00	260,000.00
Total General Appropriations	9,566,385.00	9,479,144.49

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2021 budget.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESUME THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mayor Marana presented Captain Rob Pizzi with a plaque thanking him for his 25 years and wishing him well on his retirement. Captain Pizzi thanked the Police Department and Mayor and Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Combined Meeting of July 14, 2021

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Argiro
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Closed Session Minutes of July 14, 2021

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports are on file in the Borough Clerk’s office and can be viewed by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Building Department
- Colliers Engineering
- Fire Department
- Fire Prevention
- Millenium Strategies
- Recreation Minutes
- Tax Collector

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda (#1)

“All items are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Any item may be removed for further discussion or for a roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business”

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RESOLUTION #2021-134

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DRAFT BID SPECS FOR PARIS AVENUE AND LIVINGSTON STREET STREETScape 2019 AND 2020 GRANTS AND AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer is authorized to perform the above mentioned work and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for same.

RESOLUTION #2021-135

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale previously applied to the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office to receive a grant known as SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2020, c. 142, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.3-.5, the Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2015-1, and based on the program application, on July 9, 2021 the Office of the Attorney General awarded the Borough of Northvale a grant in the amount Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$22,418.00) with no match required by the Borough, specified for the purposes set forth in the approved application under award number 21-BWC-323 (the “Award”); and

WHEREAS, the award period is January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Award is subject to all applicable federal and state statutes and the requirements set forth in the general conditions, special conditions, approved budget, application authorization, and certifications attached to the program; and

WHEREAS, the Award is also subject to all applicable federal, state, and local financial accounting requirements, including the filing of single audits as required by 2 C.F.R. Part 200.500 et seq. and State Circular Letters 15-08-OMB and 07-05-OMB (if applicable); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to accept the Award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale the Borough accepts the Award and agrees to utilize the grant amount of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$22,418.00) solely for the purposes permitted by the Award to purchase body cameras for the Borough of Northvale Police Department.

RESOLUTION #2021-136

TITLE: APPROVE THE LOSAP QUALIFIERS FOR THE YEAR 2020 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORPS.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps have notified the Borough Clerk of the LOSAP Qualifiers for the year 2020 in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Administrator/Borough Clerk is satisfied that the substantiated information has been provided;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the qualifiers for LOSAP for the year 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan Administrator/Borough Clerk prepare the necessary paperwork and voucher in the amount of \$36,422.66.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	NAME	AMOUNT
1.	Charles J. Amorosso	909.99
2.	Charles S. Amorosso	909.99
3.	Gregory Amorosso	909.99
4.	Briant Bodrato	909.99
5.	Christopher Bodrato	909.99
6.	Peter Briscoe	909.99
7.	Robert Brondi	909.99
8.	Vincent Carney	909.99
9.	Wayne Degen	909.99
10.	Francis Devlin	909.99
11.	Brian England	909.99
12.	Frank Ferraro	909.99
13.	Scott Firenze	909.99
14.	Raymond Frosco	909.99
15.	Michael Gaggin	909.99
16.	Thomas Gannon	909.99
17.	Thomas Gaspari	909.99
18.	Edward Giannotti	909.99
19.	Robert Kilpatrick	909.99
20.	Gerard Marsh	909.99
21.	William McLoughlin	909.99
22.	William McGuire	909.99
23.	Devon Modery	909.99
24.	Howard Ostrow	23.06
25.	Michael Pizzi	909.99
26.	Edward Rejmaniak	909.99
27.	William Sillery	909.99
28.	Christopher Smithson	909.99
29.	Gerard Smithson	909.99
30.	Gareth Thompson	909.99
31.	Anthony Ubl	909.99
32.	Edward Witkowski	909.99

AMBULANCE CORPS

	NAME	AMOUNT
33.	Abbey Fallon	909.99
34.	Zachary Hine	909.99
35.	James Ippolito	909.99
36.	John McGuire	909.99
37.	Samantha McKinley	909.99
38.	Vincent St. Angelo	909.99
39.	Kevin Trainor Sr.	909.99
40.	Taylor Verdigi	909.99
41.	Joseph Visconi	909.99
	TOTAL	\$36,422.66

Councilmen McGuire and Devlin abstained on Resolution #2021-136.

RESOLUTION #2021-139

TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND UCC PERMIT FEES – ATVIVO DIAGNOSTICS

WHEREAS, the above mentioned applicant paid UCC permit fees in the amount of \$15,025.00 for construction permits for office space at 100 Stonehurst Court; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is no longer interested in the office space at 100 Stonehurst Court; and

WHEREAS, the Building Department can retain 20% (\$2,005.00) of the fees as per the DCA of the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the UCC Permit fees in the amount of \$12,020.00 to:

Atvivo LLC
 955 Yonkers Avenue
 Yonkers, New York 10704

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman McGuire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda (#2)

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

RESOLUTION #2021-137

TITLE: APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE #RL 220 – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – OFF PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle be issued to:

NAME: Knights of Columbox
 ADDRESS: 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ
 LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street
 DATE OF RAFFLE: September 18, 2021
 I.D. #: 355-6-42364

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL 221

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #2021-138

TITLE: APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE #RL 221 – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – OFF PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle be issued to:

NAME: Knights of Columbus
ADDRESS: 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street
DATE OF RAFFLE: December 10, 2021
I.D. #: 355-6-42364
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL 221

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman DeLisio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman McGuire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTION #2021-140

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Argiro
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman DeLisio
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Devlin
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WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Northvale in the following amounts under various funds of the borough:

Current Fund Appropriations (2020)	\$2,075.00
Current Fund Appropriations (2021)	\$233,432.82
General Capital Fund	\$19,748.45
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	\$10.20
Police DEA Trust	

Escrow Trust	\$65.25
Recreation Trust	\$3,094.48
Summer Recreation Trust	\$17,522.03
TOTAL	\$275,948.23

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, council liaison, finance committee, and the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Northvale, and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the finance committee, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purposes specified below during the course of the year:

Payroll – Salaries & Wages	07-09-2021	\$167,020.06
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	07-23-2021	\$159,127.41
Health Benefits	July 2021	\$48,521.06
TOTAL		\$374,668.53

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$650,616.76** and ratified respectively

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman McGuire asked what the water damage cleanup payment of \$6,726 was for. Mayor Marana explained it was repairs for damage to Borough Hall from the storm.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Tom Gannon, 207 Willow Ave. – asked what the status is for Willow Avenue, the brook, and Pierron Street. There is a flooding problem. The brook has not been cleaned in 30 years.

ORDINANCES – 2ND READING

ORDINANCE #1039-2021

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

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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 1.0% 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 2021 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 of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that a 2.50 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$170,873.23 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 of the Borough of Northvale 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 2021 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 2.50%, amounting to \$170,873.23, and that the CY 2021 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.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1039-2021 ONLY.

CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Marana – reported there was money left in the Riverside Coop project contract so Crest Drive from Clinton to White, Washington from Paris to Frankfort, and Charles Street were paved. FEMA has reimbursed the Borough approximately \$30,000 for Tropical Storm Isaias costs. The second bond ordinance is just about ready to go for a total of \$689,000 which includes \$432,650 in grants. The down payment will be under \$13,000. This ordinance will cover Streetscape, the Senior Center Pavilion and the first responder vehicle. It does not include any funding for SCBA tanks for the Fire Department. We are awaiting the outcomes of grant applications. CJ has been lobbying Lauren from Congressman Gottheimer’s staff and Lou has been lobbying Josh personally. Projected costs for the tanks/backpacks is \$235,000. The Mayor reviewed the draft Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual and the draft of the Employee Handbook and sent his comments to Ms. Rosendhal. Following the latest guidance from the CDC and State of New Jersey, the wearing of masks by visitors to the Borough Hall is now mandatory effective July 29th. From the outset of the pandemic we have tried to follow the guidance and the science. We have not been trying to prove one point or another and will continue to take that approach.

Councilman Devlin – reported the Senior Center and Golden Age are opened. Pam will be back in September. There are a few programs being offered. He reported on work being done at the Firehouse. They met on August 8th to finalize the updates to the Fire Department bylaws and the members voted and was passed unanimously. There were a total of 19 calls in July, year to date is 168. Fire Prevention completed 36 inspections and 15 reinspections.

Councilman Hogan – reported the Building Department issued 18 permits for the month of July and collected \$14,659. The year to date is \$211,736. The Planning Board/Board of Adjustment meeting was held on July 21st. Brian Alfonso was sworn in as Alternate #4. The application for 199 Washington was granted with a variance. The August 4th meeting was scheduled to hear 256 Livingston Street. Councilman Hogan wanted to clear up any misconceptions. The Board is a combined Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment is hearing the 256 Livingston application. The Mayor and Councilman Hogan do not sit on the Board of Adjustment and do not vote on any Board of Adjustment applications. The attorney for 256 Livingston asked for a postponement and the next available meeting date is November 3rd. Board of Health meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 7:30 PM.

Councilman DeLisio – reported on contacting Congressman Gottheimer regarding the SCBA grant applications and received a letter of support from him. He is also eager to help obtain stretchers for the Ambulance Corps. Northern Valley Greenway Friends are working on a website. Funding is an obstacle. The Friends are lobbying elected officials in the state and federal officials for funding. An Open Space grant application for \$45,300 was submitted for Veteran’s Park Improvements with a Spring decision anticipated. Also, a DOT grant application was submitted for Veterans Drive in the amount of \$431,937 with a Fall decision anticipated. The Sober Get Pulled Over grant application for \$6,000 should be decided this month.

Councilman Argiro – reported that Acting Director Emily Pepe has resigned as of August 7th. We wish her well and it is a big loss for the Library. The staff is pitching in until a new Library Director can be hired. They received bids for the ADA grant. The lowest bid was \$43,500 and the grant award was \$25,000. Recreation has been slow. Summer basketball has ended. The 5th and 6th grade girls made it to the finals, however, the game has not been played. Soccer registration is open. We are in search of a recreation commissioner.

Councilman McGuire – reported that both Northvale Public School and Northern Valley Regional High Schools have been quiet. The Governor announced all K-12 children will be required to wear masks indoors only. The Preschool classes will begin on September 8th. Masks are not required for the children but the adults and staff will be required to wear them.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Ms. Raffay – reported the Senior Center Pavilion grant was issued in 2019 for \$35,650 and Colliers will be helping to move this forward. The 2021 Riverside Coop had extra money left over and the additional roads were paved. The tax map upgrade is ongoing. Veterans Park survey should be completed by the end of August. The Stormwater ordinance was sent to the County and returned with comments which may need to have the Ordinance introduced again. The Paris Avenue and Livingston Street Streetscape request for bids will go out for advertising on August 16th.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Rosendahl – explained the Personnel Policy that her and Mayor Marana have been working on. She would like this for approval at the September meeting. She will forward to Fran to send to all Council members. The employee anti-harassment and anti-discrimination training will be presented by Ms. Rosendahl in October. Completion of this training is required to receive lower insurance premiums.

CLOSED SESSION – TIME -

Action may not be taken upon return to open session.

RESOLUTION #2021-141

TITLE: TO PROVIDE FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A 10:4-12

Motion	Second	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Argiro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman DeLisio
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Devlin
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Hogan
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman McGuire
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Sotiropoulos

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. Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- 3. Matters involving individual privacy
- 4. Matters relating to collective bargaining
- 5. Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- 6. Matters relating to public safety and property.
- 7. Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney client privilege.
- 8. Matters relating to the employment relationship – Personnel
- 9. Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

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
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman DeLisio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Devlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Hogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman McGuire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 8:46 PM

ROLL CALL

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman DeLisio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman McGuire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTION #2021-142

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DARYL CERBASI AS A DPW ROADMAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of hiring a DPW Roadman; and

WHEREAS, Daryl Cerbasi has been working with DPW since April 2020; and

WHEREAS, Daryl Cerbasi has the requisite skills and experience to hold the position of DPW Roadman; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Northvale to hire Daryl Cerbasi as DPW Roadman

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby appoint Daryl Cerbasi to the position of DPW Roadman at an annual salary of \$47,565.83 effective immediately.

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

ADJOURNMENT – 8:51 PM

Motion	Second	Name
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Devlin
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilman Sotiropoulos

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilman McGuire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Sotiropoulos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Patrick J. Marana
 Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

Frances M. Weston
 Acting Borough Clerk

Approved: September 14, 2021