

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
7:30 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Bazela called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

STATEMENT –

Mayor Bazela read the Sunshine Statement into the record, as follows:

“his 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 –

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

ROLL CALL –

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

Also present: Ms. Megan Tomlinson (representing Borough Attorney Paster), Paul Niehoff, Borough Engineer and Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

Motion by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to approve the appointment of Joseph Mara of 186 Jefferson Avenue, Emerson NJ to the Northvale Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion by Councilman Piehler; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to approve the Minutes of the Sine Die Meeting of December 28, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Piehler, Councilman Sotiropoulos and Councilwoman Libby voted yes. Councilman Marana and Councilman Sokoloski abstained. Councilman Amend was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE –

1. Letter - Sustainable Jersey – Municipal Certification Program Registration
re: Municipal Resolution Supporting Participation in the Program

Councilman Piehler stated that this is another way to get grants and that it's a very involved process. He stated that it will take some time and effort and that some of the grants are not very big. He explained

2. Letter – Kauker & Kauker – December 20, 2010

re: Round 3 COAH Motion for Stay – October 8, 2010 Appellate Court Decision

Councilman Sokoloski stated that he is concerned that we are still working on this. Attorney to review and give estimate on the work to be done.

3. Letter – Steven Wielkotz – December 21, 2010
re: Tax Court Judgment – Maxim Enterprises, LLC

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE –

Mayor Bazela stated that the following monthly reports are on file in the Borough Clerks office and can be viewed by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Police Department – December
Tax Collector – December
Municipal Court – December
Fire Prevention – December
Building Department – December

RESOLUTIONS –

Motion by Councilman Piehler; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to table Resolution #2011-17, due to the fact that the residents on this street didn't want the roadway done. It was suggested that perhaps the street, which is in disrepair, can be patched and repaired with the new machine that the cooperative has purchased.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Piehler, Councilman Sotirpoulos, Councilwoman Libby, Councilman Marana and Councilman Sokoloski voted yes. Councilman Amend was absent.

Motion by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilman Piehler to table Resolution #2011-24, on the advice of the Borough Attorney until the OPRA request submitted by one of the bidders has been fulfilled as this bidder might be an objector to the bid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Sotiropoulos, Councilman Piehler, Councilwoman Libby, Councilman Marana and Councilman Sokoloski voted yes. Councilman Amend was absent.

Motion by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilman Piehler to approve Resolution #'s 2011-18 – 2011-26, on Consent Agenda, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2011-18

Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for the Receipt of Bids for the Handicapped Renovations to the Veterans Park and Hogan Park Restrooms

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the above mentioned projects.

RESOLUTION #2011-19

Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, Northvale hereby acknowledges that the residents of Northvale desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Northvale wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Northvale is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Northvale, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Northvale on matters of sustainability, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Boorugh of Northvale that we do hereby authorize Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk to serve as Northvale's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize the her to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf Northvale.

RESOLUTION #2011-20

Authorize the Borough Attorney to File a Motion Requesting a 10 Month Stay for the Processing of the Borough's 3rd Round Petition

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2010, the Appellate Division of the Superior Court rendered a decision which struck down COAH's 3rd Round Growth Share Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, this decision gave COAH five (5) months to revise their 3rd Round Rules and bring them into compliance with the Court's decision; and

WHEREAS, this decision makes it impossible to proceed with the processing of our 3rd Round COAH application for Substantive Certification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Attorney, Gregg F. Paster, be and is hereby authorized to file a motion requesting a 10 month stay of the processing of the Borough's 3rd Round Petition for Substantive Certification pending approve of the new rules and the submission of a revised application in accordance with said rules.

RESOLUTION #2011-21

Authorize Mayor Bazela to Sign the Developers Agreement for Paulo Petrillo – 208-210 Livingston Street

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Bazela is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned developers agreement.

RESOLUTION #2011-22

Authorize Mayor Bazela to Sign the Developers Agreement for Housing Development Corporation of Bergen County

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Bazela is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned developers agreement.

RESOLUTION #2011-23

Authorize Mayor Bazela to Sign the Developers Agreement for Kristine Hyon Lee – 194 Livingston Street

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Bazela is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned developers agreement.

RESOLUTION #2011-25

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET N.J.S. 40A:4-20

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to unexpected expenses and no adequate provision was made in the 2011 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and,

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2011 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 as amended) including this resolution total \$100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members therefore affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S. 40A:4-20.

The following Temporary Emergency Appropriation is hereby made:

Tax Appeal Settlement - Maxim Enterprises

That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #2011-26

Authorize the Chief of Police to Conduct Interviews for the Hiring of One Officer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief is hereby authorized to conduct interviews for the hiring of one officer.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Sotiropoulos, Councilman Piehler, Councilwoman Libby, Councilman Marana and Councilman Sokoloski voted yes. Councilman Amend was absent.

ORDINANCES – 1st reading –

ORDINANCES – 2nd reading –

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Bazela – 165 Walnut Street – Stated that she would like to be on the committee for Sustainable Jersey. Councilman Piehler thanked her for coming forward and stated that he welcomes her.

Mr. Perretti – 180 Dorato Place – Asked about resolution #2011-18 and are these projects being done with grant money? Councilman Sokoloski explained that the Borough applied for grants for this project and received the money from Community

Development. He further explained that when the grants were received, his firm drafted the bid specifications for the Borough at no cost to the Borough.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS –

Council President Piehler – reported on the two new members of the School Board. He stated that they are replacing Ms. England who resigned and Mayor Bazela who had to step down when he was elected. Their replacements are Joseph McGuire and Robert Bargna. He welcomed them aboard and stated that he feels that they will both do a great job.

He further reported that he will be meeting with the grantwriter on February 2 at 9:30 to discuss grant opportunities for this year. He stated that he has asked that progress reports be submitted in a spreadsheet format and he will share that with the members of the council. He further stated that sidewalks will be a priority this year as it has been reported by former Mayor Perretti that there is a hazardous situation on Livingston Street and he would like to see that remedied.

Council President Piehler further reported that he has been in contact with the County of Bergen and has received permission to use their facility in Rockleigh for indoor gym activities three times a week for soccer and basketball. He reported that they are looking at new ways of raising money for the sports programs. He explained the system that has been created to sell sponsorship and ad space to raise money for the sports programs. He asked everyone for their support and help and feels that this will be a worthwhile effort.

Councilwoman Libby – reported that she has attended her first meeting with the Senior Center Board of Trustees and reported on their activities in the future.

Councilman Sotiropoulos – reported that he met with the Chief and Captain and the Mayor in order to discuss the retirement of an officer in the near future and also an injury to an officer that will keep him off the job for a while. He further reported that he will be attending the regionalization meeting that is to occur in February in Norwood to discuss the merging of the Police Department and Building Department. He stated that he is open to discussion, but, does not know what if anything, will happen.

Councilman Sotiropoulos further reported on the activities of the Ambulance Corps for the past month.

Councilman Marana – reported that Mr. Lepore's father passed away. He sends his regrets to Mr. Lepore.

He further reported that he would like to schedule a budget meeting for next Saturday and he would like the police department and the DPW present for those meetings. He stated that they will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Marana further reported that although he was not finance chairman last year, as he just took office in January, that he will sign the MEL bill for the deductible in the law suit between a resident and former Mayor.

Councilman Sokoloksi – stated that the Planning Board had their reorganization meeting and that Mr. Amorosso was appointed Chairman and Mr. Perretti was appointed Vice Chairman. He further reported that the Chae Doe Church would like to move to the old Hydrotherm site and reported that he attended the Board of Health reorganization meeting.

Mayor Bazela – complimented all members of the council for the work that they are doing. He further complimented the Department of Public Works for the excellent job they are doing with these horrible snow storms. He further reported that the Fire Department dinner is Friday the 21st.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORTS –

Mr. Niehoff had nothing to report this evening.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORTS –

Ms. Tomlinson had nothing to report this evening.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Councilman Sokoloski; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM.

PAUL BAZELA
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda A. Worner
Borough Clerk

Approved: March 9, 2011