

**MINUTES**  
**Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 2012**  
**7:30 PM**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –**

Mayor Bazela called the meeting to order at 7:32 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:

*“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 –**

Mayor Bazela 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 -**

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

Also present: Gregg Paster, Borough Attorney, Paul Niehoff, Borough Engineer and Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk.

**APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –**

Motion by Councilman Sokoloski; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to approve the appointment of Christopher Bodrato of 160 Walnut Avenue to the Northvale Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to approve the appointment of Edward Witkowski of Dorato Place to the Northvale Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

**MONTHLY REPORTS – (Correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)**

Mayor Bazela stated that the following reports are on file in the Clerk’s office and can be viewed by the public Monday – Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTIONS –**

Motion by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilman Shepard to approve Resolution #'s 2012-87 through 2012-93, with the exception of 2012-90, on Consent Agenda as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-87**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHVALE DAY CELEBRATION AT HOGAN PARK**

**WHEREAS**, application 11-01 was received from Legion Fireworks Co., Inc. of 10 Legion Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 has applied for a permit to perform a ground to air fireworks display in connection with the Northvale Town Day Celebration on September 8, 2012, with a rain date of September 15, 2012 at Hogan Park in the Borough of Northvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor has provided necessary surety guarantees required by N.J.S.A. 21:3-5 and submitted the necessary permit application consistent with that section and all supporting materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and Fire Chief of the Borough of Northvale have reviewed the application and have approved the issuance of the permit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the application of Legion Fireworks Company for a permit to perform a ground to air fireworks display at Northvale Town Day Celebration on September 8, 2012 with a rain date of September 15, 2012, be and is hereby approved, with said permit to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Council of Northvale, upon preparation by the Borough Clerk, subject to execution by the Fire Chief and Chief of Police; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Labor's Office of Safety Compliance, the vendor and the Chiefs of the Fire and Police Departments of the Borough of Northvale.

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**RESOLUTION #2012-88**

**Waive Fire Prevention Fee for the Northvale Town Day Fireworks**

BE IT RESOLVED that the above mentioned fee is hereby waived.

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**RESOLUTION #2012-89**

**Waive Permit Fees NVPAL Bon Fire**

BE IT RESOLVED that the fees for the Bon Fire for NVPAL are hereby waived.

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**RESOLUTION #2012-91**

**ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant Agreement between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Northvale**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen seeks to assist municipalities with their obligation to comply with NJDOT and Federal ADA regulations through an ADA Curb Ramp Construction Grant Agreement for intersection on County roads by dedicating a portion of the County's New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Aid funds for the installation of ADA

improvements, as designated by the County Engineer or his designee, on County roads; and,

**WHEREAS**, The County of Bergen Freeholders passed Resolution No. 677-12 adopted on May 16, 2012 which authorized and funded the ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant Program to assist municipalities, as further authorized by the County Engineer, with their obligation to comply ADA requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Borough of Northvale authorizes the Mayor to sign the ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Agreement.

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**RESOLUTION #2012-92**

**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.**

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Tax Rate is delayed; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012/2013 Tax Bills will be mailed out late and the third quarter tax payment was due on August 1, 2012.

**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, 2012.

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**RESOLUTION #2012-93**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Northvale in the following amounts under various funds of the borough:

Current Appropriations (2012)	\$ 254,707.05
Appropriation Reserves (2011)	\$ 0.00
General Capital Fund	\$ 0.00
Animal License Trust	\$ 0.00
Community Development Trust	\$ 2,093.40
Developer's Escrow Trust	\$ 45,123.29
Food Trust	\$ 0.00
Recreation Trust	\$ 2,567.00
Summer Recreation	\$ 24,850.64
Public Defender Trust	\$ 0.00

**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 purpose specified below:

Payroll	August 2012	\$ 217,849.10
Local School	August 2012	\$ 0.00
County Tax	August 2012	\$ 575,810.46
County Open Space	August 2012	\$ 6,282.39
Health Benefits	August 2012	\$ 36,099.27
Recreation Transfers	August 2012	\$ 0.00
Regional School	August 2012	\$ 0.00

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling \$ **1,165,382.60** and ratified respectively.

The bill list is as follows:

Vendor	Checkno	Chktotal	Description
Paolo Petrillo	466	39985.00	Paolo Petrillo
Kaufmann,Bern & Deutche,L.L.P	467	143.75	Various
Maser Consulting P.A.	468	4896.25	Various
North Jersey Media Group	469	98.29	Various
Bergen Cnty Soil Conservation	548	0.00	Various
Municipal Emergency Svcs,Inc.	6317	-31.20	
Deborah Kaniecki	6959	-160.00	Various
Jeffry Marcason	6976	-571.94	Various
Office Concepts Group	6999	-477.41	Various
Trooper Foods	7023	-700.28	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Trooper Foods	7039	-700.28	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Trooper Foods	7040	-700.28	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Trooper Foods	7041	-700.28	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Trooper Foods	7042	-700.28	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Trooper Foods	7043	-700.28	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
A.C. Daughtry, Inc.	7045	1231.00	Various
Aaa Emergency Supply Co.,Inc.	7046	119.70	Fire O/E
Annette Mattessich	7047	675.00	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Atlantic Bingo Supply	7048	108.31	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Avs Technology	7049	675.00	Buildings & Grounds
Beatriz Geramita	7050	100.00	Municipal Court O/E
Bergen County Technical School	7051	48.00	Tax Assessment O/E
Bergen County Treasurer	7052	575810.46	County Tax
Bi-State Brake Co., Inc.	7053	119.00	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Cablevision	7054	230.39	Various
Cleatus Farms Inc.	7055	482.65	Parks & Playgrounds
Coachman Internatl Tours,Inc	7056	775.00	Recreation Senior Bus Trips
Cooper Electric Supply Co.	7057	24.91	Buildings & Grounds
County Open Space Trust Fund	7058	6282.39	Mun Open Space Tax
Creative Forcasting, Inc.	7059	60.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
D & E Uniforms	7060	1526.70	Police O/E
D'ercole Farm & Garden Center	7061	100.00	Buildings & Grounds
Dearborn National	7062	100.80	Employee Group Insurance
Deborah Kaniecki	7063	200.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Delta Dental Plan Of N.J.,Inc	7064	5058.40	Employee Group Insurance
Desesa Eng.Co.Inc	7065	1529.00	Various
Dolores Alfis	7066	135.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Dorothy Garry	7067	250.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Durie Lawn Mower & Equip Inc	7068	240.80	Parks & Playgrounds
Edge Graphx	7069	186.00	Police O/E
Ellen J. Springsteen	7070	50.00	Municipal Court O/E
Englewood Hospital & Medical C	7071	60.00	Police O/E
Fail Safe Fire Hose Testng Inc	7072	2718.40	Fire O/E
Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Ge Capital	7073	29000.00	Financial Audit
Hillsdale Board Of Health	7074	834.00	Administrative & Executive O/E
Infocrossing, A Wipro Co.	7075	30.00	Board Of Health O/E
Inserra Supermarket, Inc.	7076	3977.18	Tax Collection O/E
	7077	54.22	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Interboro Radio	7078	15921.00	Interboro Radio
Jeffry Marcason	7079	202.06	Various
Kaufmann,Bern & Deutche,L.L.P	7080	450.00	Planning Board O/E
L. Ross Distributors,Inc	7081	66.90	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
La Casa Formosa	7082	1848.75	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Lenora Dalcorivo	7083	50.53	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Liberty Power Holdings	7084	776.02	Electricity
Lisa Salerno	7085	175.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Magellan Hill Technologies	7086	1699.39	Telephone

Margaret Raso	7087	714.00	Appropriated Grants
Master Lock	7088	24.95	Police O/E
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	7089	136.47	Police O/E
Maureen Felici	7090	340.00	Appropriated Grants
Metro Pest Solutions	7091	50.00	Buildings & Grounds
Minuteman Press	7092	37.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Moore Medical Corp.	7093	102.34	Police O/E
Moore Wallace DbA Rr Donnelley	7094	187.50	Board Of Health O/E
Mor Power Equipment,Inc.	7095	37.39	Parks & Playgrounds
North Jersey Media Group	7096	220.19	Administrative & Executive O/E
Northvale Ambulance	7097	200.00	Various
Northvale Fire Association	7098	5772.50	Fire Rent
Norwood Car Care	7099	1090.05	Various
Patrick Johnson	7100	450.00	Administrative & Executive O/E
Poland Spring Water Co.	7101	252.30	Various
Rachles / Michele's Oil Co,Inc	7102	5017.60	Gasoline
Rcs	7103	497.73	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Regional Communications ,Inc.	7104	59.00	Fire O/E
Robert Bargna	7105	83.00	Construction Code O/E
Robert Carlisle	7106	168.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Robert E. Demange	7107	210.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Rockland Electric Co	7108	3915.29	Street Lighting
Rockland Electric Company	7109	5476.14	Electricity
Rose Savincki	7110	32.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Rudy's Ristornate & Pizzeria	7111	112.00	Recreation Senior Bus Trips
Ruscon Truck Svce/Equip Co, In	7112	1393.18	Fire O/E
Schwaab, Inc.	7113	41.00	Construction Code O/E
Shannon Marshall	7114	122.50	Construction Code O/E
Sherwin Williams Co.	7115	55.25	Parks & Playgrounds
Staples Business Advantage	7116	667.98	Various
T-Pc,Inc.	7117	315.00	Various
Tanya Dmitruk	7118	361.00	Various
The Cntr For Occup Medicine	7119	1200.00	Police O/E
The Inst For Forensic Psycholo	7120	425.00	Police O/E
Tilcon New York Inc.	7121	379.62	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Traffic Safety & Equipment Co.	7122	188.95	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Treasurer State Of New Jersey	7123	80.00	Board Of Health O/E
United Water New Jersey	7124	561.16	Water
United Water New Jersey	7125	6974.71	Fire Hydrants Service
Verizon Wireless	7126	603.01	Telephone
Verizon/Bell Atlantic	7127	319.39	Telephone
Wanda A. Worner	7128	54.95	Administrative & Executive O/E
Jacqueline Walker	7129	236.94	Appropriated Grants
Office Concepts Group	7130	101.77	Administrative & Executive O/E
Unique Creatures	10008	250.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Unique Creatures	10009	250.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Unique Creatures	10010	250.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Abbey Raia Fallon	10011	871.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Alyssa Plescia	10012	546.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Anna Winans	10013	546.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Danielle Palmay	10014	546.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Douglas Mager	10015	352.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Iris E. Fallon	10016	1412.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Kevin M. Trainor Jr.	10017	819.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Kevin R. Cavanaugh	10018	609.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Kristina Corrado	10019	546.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Luke Ostrow	10020	390.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Nicholas Pisano	10021	367.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Robert Johnston	10022	546.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Ronald Kucheruck	10023	1347.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Shannon Marshall	10024	546.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Thomas Carlson	10025	405.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
The Maritime Aquarium Travelin	10026	555.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Dino Russo	10027	200.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Abbey Raia Fallon	10028	859.75	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Adrianna Yuelys	10029	40.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Alek Fleury	10030	50.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust

Alex Pirsos	10031	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Alexandra F. Mendillo	10032	65.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Alyssa Plescia	10033	462.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Amelia Scaglione	10034	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Anna Winans	10035	252.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Brendan Henrici	10036	50.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Brooke M. Gavin	10037	75.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Bon-Jour Embroidery Corp.	10038	2610.00	Various
Wanda A. Worner	10039	142.90	Various
Christian Mattessich	10040	125.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Christine Favata	10041	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Danielle Palmay	10042	498.75	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Douglas Mager	10043	356.25	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Emma G. Weinberg	10044	75.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Gabrielle Visconi	10045	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Iris E. Fallon	10046	1512.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Jessica Sheeler	10047	75.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Jillian A. Smothergill	10048	20.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Kevin M. Trainor Jr.	10049	750.75	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Kevin R. Cavanaugh	10050	294.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Kristina Corrado	10051	529.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Luke Ostrow	10052	360.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Michael Moraski	10053	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Nicholas Pisano	10054	425.25	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Nicoletta Yuelys	10055	40.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Robert Johnston	10056	519.75	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Ronald Kucheruck	10057	1464.50	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Ronald Rovito Jr.	10058	190.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Shannon Marshall	10059	529.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Sofia Pirsos	10060	80.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Suraj Ribadia	10061	80.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Theresa Frohlich	10062	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Thomas Carlson	10063	345.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Tonianne Pisano	10064	300.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Tyler A. Gavin	10065	250.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Zachary A. Weinberg	10066	100.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Angelo Mazza	10067	480.00	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Inserra Supermarket, Inc.	10068	198.33	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
S&S Worldwide , Inc.	10069	950.30	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Staples Business Advantage	10070	213.91	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Somerset Syrup & Concessions	10071	94.10	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Payroll Account - Northvale	20120720	116408.18	Various

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

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Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to approve the sign at the car wash for an undetermined period of time as the economy is quite bad and the car wash owner is requesting help from the town.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading –**

There were no ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at this time.

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

There were no ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at this time.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS –**

**Councilman Sotiropoulos** – Reported on the Ambulance Corps statistics for the month of July. He further reported that the Cho Dae Golf Outing was a great success and

that they will be donating \$4,000 to both the Ambulance Corps and Fire Departments in Northvale and Norwood. He thanked them for their donation. Councilman Sotiropoulos further reported that the Northvale Ambulance Corps will be in attendance at the Iron Man Competition on Saturday. He stated that it has been a bad month for the Corps as two of its members have passed away. Councilman Sotiropoulos had nothing further to report.

**Councilwoman Libby** – Stated that she had no report this evening. Mayor Bazela stated that the Senior Centers contribution from Community Development has been cut drastically and that there will be a meeting on Monday evening at 5:00 PM to go over things. He asked if Councilwoman Libby could attend. She responded affirmatively. Mayor Bazela further stated that there will be a dinner in August and a mind reader has been engaged to entertain the seniors.

**Councilman Shepard** – Reported that the Department of Public works has been cleaning and repairing catch basins during the past month as they some are in disrepair and other need cleaning for storm water purposes.

Councilman Shepard further reported on the statistics for the fire department and fire prevention bureau for the month. He further stated that Mr. Lepore is currently working on various property maintenance issues in town. He stated that Mr. Lepore is trying to get responsible parties to clean up and maintain their properties.

**Councilman Marana** – Reported that the Chief Financial Officer is back from out of the country. He stated that Mr. Firozvi will try to have a first draft of the 2013 budget ready for September.

Councilman Marana further reported that the building department revenues for the month of July was approximately \$5,000 and that year to date they are at \$161,000. He stated that in this economy that is phenomenal.

He further discussed the possibility of the Mayor and Council publishing a newsletter to let the residents know all of the things that are going on in the town.

**Councilman Sokoloski** – Reported that on there isn't much happening on the Planning Board this month. He stated that the Cho Dae Church will be bringing their application back to the board in the near future.

He further reported that the next Board of Health meeting is on September 13, 2012 and then he reported on the Electronic Sign for the Borough. He went through the various scenarios that he had outlined to the council in his memo. It was decided to purchase the sign from Stewart.

**Mayor Bazela** – Asked the Borough Attorney to look into the new curb work that is going on at the old Aerco Building. He stated that he feels that the work isn't being done properly and if it isn't then he would like to see it re-done.

Mayor Bazela further stated that Northvale Town Day will be held on September 8, 2012. He thanked the sponsors for giving the Borough the opportunity to have this day again this year without any expense to the Borough or to the residents.

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### **Receipt of RFP's**

### **Red Light Camera**

Borough Attorney Paster opened the sole bid from Redflex from Phoenix, Arizona. He read the proposal from the book and stated that it appears to be a three tiered system. He stated that he will go over the bid more closely and report back to the Mayor and Council for the next meeting.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORTS –**

Borough Engineer Niehoff reported on the stream cleaning that occurred in Northvale that involved the removal of some trees by our Department of Public Works. Instead of levying a fine on the Borough for the removal of the trees, Rockland County would like us to pay the hourly rate for some people to replant trees. He stated that amount comes to \$1,524.27.

Motion by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to approve the payment for the planting of trees via Resolution #2012-94, as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-94**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale (Borough) has been engaged in a dispute with the County of Rockland, New York (County) regarding a Notice of Violation alleging improper activities within the Sparkill Brook for stream cleaning under permit number RCDA 10-09 and;

**WHEREAS**, following protracted discussions and negotiations of the merits and details of the alleged violation, the County has made an offer to the Borough to settle all claims and violations without further action, whether by administrative action, mediation, arbitration, litigation or other official means; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes now to avail itself of the offer made by the County, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing, in order to take advantage of finality and to fix the cost of the alleged violation; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears, as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer’s Certification, that funds are available in the Borough Capital budget or such other account as may be appropriate, in that amount, for the purpose of contracting for the specified improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and 27/100 (\$1,524.27) Dollars be and is appropriated to resolve any and all issues with the County of Rockland as set forth herein and same shall be paid over to the Rockland County Commissioner of Finance forthwith; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk, be and hereby are authorized to execute any documents that may be required to conclude the matter by and between the Borough and the County to effectuate the intent and purpose of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be served upon the Rockland County Division of the Highway Department, Drainage Agency immediately upon the adoption hereof.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Mr. Niehoff further reported on the different projects that are occurring within the Borough. He stated that the Paris Avenue/Livingston Street project is going well and the County should be opening bids for the project in the near future. He stated that he is working with the Borough Attorney to obtain the easements necessary for the road widening. He further reported that there will a preconstruction meeting for Hogan Park Field #4 improvements and Andre Avenue in the near future.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORTS –**

Borough Attorney Paster reported that he is working on the easement for the Livingston Street/Paris Avenue road widening project. Fortunately, one easement already exists so we only need to procure one.

He further reported that he received the fire department lease and he will be working on that in the future. Mayor Bazela stated that he forgot to mention one thing and that is that if the building needs to get an addition to accommodate a new piece of equipment, that he Borough will be responsible for that addition or renovations. Councilman Marana stated that he has a concern with that because if they get a ladder truck we will have to do the renovation. Mayor Bazela stated that would not happen because the council approves the specifications for the truck, so they will never be able to get one that won't fit. He further stated that the department is in need of equipment and they have requested \$2,500 for equipment and maintenance of equipment. He feels that this is fair and he would like to see that in the lease. Mr. Paster stated that he will make those changes in the lease for the council to review.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –**

There were no questions or comments from the public at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION –**

Motion by Councilman Sokoloski; seconded by Councilman Shepard to go into closed session at 8:52 PM via Resolution #2012-95, as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-95**

**Providing for a Meeting not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act**

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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Borough Attorney Paster stated that the Council will be taking action after the closed session.

Motion by Councilman Sokoloski; seconded by Councilman Shepard to return to open session at 9:02 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to approve Resolution #2012-90, as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-90**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,**

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by resolution, to have its Planning Board conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether an area of the municipality is an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the criteria contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale consider it to be in the best interest of the Borough to have the Planning Board conduct such an investigation regarding certain property located in the Borough at 141-155 Livingston Street and/or 171 Winthrop Street, which property is identified as Block 1003, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, as shown on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Northvale (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believes the Property is potentially valuable for contributing to, serving, and protecting the public health safety and welfare and for the promotion of smart growth within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary investigation will be designed to evaluate the area to determine whether designation of the Property as “in need of redevelopment” is appropriate and in conformance with the statutory criteria contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, they being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

1. The Planning Board of the Borough of Northvale is hereby directed to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the aforementioned Property, or any portions thereof, constitute an “area in need of redevelopment” according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5;
2. The Planning Board of the Borough of Northvale is hereby directed to study the area known as Block 1003, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15; to develop a map reflecting the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area; to provide public notice and conduct public hearings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:6; and to draft a report/Resolution to the Mayor and Council containing its findings; and
3. The results of such preliminary investigation shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion to adjourn at 9:04 PM.

PAUL J. BAZELA  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner  
Borough Clerk

Approved: October 10, 2012