

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
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:

“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 everyone in attendance to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag and then asked for a moment of Silent Prayer.

ROLL CALL -

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

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilman Sokoloski to approve the appointment of Alison Lazarus as a temporary employee (2 to 3 hours per day) to substitute for the Technical Assistant until her return.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

RESOLUTIONS –

Motion by Councilman Sokoloski; seconded by Councilman Shepard to approve Resolution #2012-15, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-15

Approve the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates #69-91 and #93-146 for Block 603, Lot 6 and Block 908, Lot 1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Northvale that the Tax Collector shall conduct the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates #69-91 and #93-146 by Boiling Springs Savings Bank, the mortgage holder from US Bank Cust/Emp IV, Cap One, US Bank Cust/Sass Muni VI dtr, Borough of Northvale, Michael Vesta and John Finan, the lienholders according to N.J.S.A. 54:5-54. The breakdown are as follows:

Block 603 Lot 6, Block 908 Lot 1 – Rio Vista Homes @ Northvale – Rio Vista Lane

US Bank Cust/Emp IV, Cap One

<u>BI/Lt</u>	<u>Qual.</u>	<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Int on Cert</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>2011 TX</u>	<u>Interst on 2011 Tx</u>	<u>Total</u>
603/6	CT401	69	2,793.50	0.00	110.87	3,801.62	115.95	6,821.94
603/6	CT402	70	2,338.75	0.00	101.78	3,161.13	96.41	5,698.07
603/6	CT403	71	1,799.64	0.00	90.99	2,520.66	76.88	4,488.17
603/6	CT404	72	1,198.46	0.00	78.97	1,759.49	53.66	3,090.58
603/6	CT406	74	1,959.51	0.00	94.19	2,776.83	84.69	4,915.22
603/6	CT407	75	2,507.93	0.00	105.16	3,417.32	104.24	6,134.65
603/6	CT408	76	1,959.51	0.00	94.19	2,776.83	84.69	4,915.22
603/6	CT410	78	1,198.46	0.00	78.97	1,759.49	53.66	3,090.58
603/6	CT412	80	2,338.75	0.00	101.78	3,161.13	96.41	5,698.07
603/6	CT501	81	2,912.76	0.00	113.26	3,930.37	119.88	7,076.27
603/6	CT503	83	1,799.64	0.00	90.99	2,520.66	76.88	4,488.17
603/6	CT506	86	1,959.51	0.00	94.19	2,776.83	84.69	4,915.22
603/6	CT507	87	2,388.68	0.00	102.77	3,289.23	100.31	5,880.99
603/6	CT508	88	2,450.37	0.00	104.01	3,417.32	104.24	6,075.94
603/6	CT510	90	3,591.34	0.00	126.83	4,835.67	147.49	8,701.33
603/6	CT511	91	2,793.50	0.00	110.87	3,801.62	115.95	6,821.94
908/1	CT110	93	5,100.03	0.00	259.00	7,680.75	234.26	13,274.04
908/1	CT112	95	5,102.17	0.00	259.09	7,680.85	234.26	13,276.37
908/1	CT114	97	5,102.17	0.00	259.09	7,680.85	234.26	13,276.37
908/1	CT116	99	5,102.17	0.00	259.09	7,680.85	234.26	13,276.37
908/1	CT118	101	5,102.17	193.88	259.09	7,680.85	234.26	13,470.25
908/1	CT124	107	5,073.13	32.12	257.93	7,680.85	234.26	13,278.29
908/1	CT128	111	5,053.49	0.00	257.14	7,685.87	234.41	13,230.91
908/1	CT129	112	1,271.78	48.32	80.44	2,838.33	86.57	4,325.44
908/1	CT131	114	1,273.90	48.40	80.48	2,843.43	86.72	4,332.93
908/1	CT133	116	1,273.90	48.40	80.48	2,843.43	86.72	4,332.93
908/1	CT137	120	1,273.90	48.40	80.48	2,843.43	86.72	4,332.93
908/1	CT138	121	1,626.61	61.81	87.53	3,640.23	111.02	5,527.20
908/1	CT140	123	1,271.78	48.32	80.44	2,838.33	86.57	4,325.44
908/1	CT141	124	1,271.78	48.32	80.44	2,838.33	86.57	4,325.44
908/1	CT144	127	1,271.78	48.32	80.44	2,838.33	86.57	4,325.44
908/1	CT148	129	1,273.90	48.40	80.48	2,843.43	86.72	4,332.93
908/1	CT205	137	3,455.02	131.29	124.10	5,094.32	155.38	8,960.11
908/1	CT211	138	3,382.80	128.54	122.66	5,094.32	155.38	8,883.70
908/1	CT212	139	3,525.06	133.95	125.50	5,094.32	155.38	9,034.21
908/1	CT304	141	1,301.41	49.45	81.03	2,520.66	76.88	4,029.43
908/1	CT305	142	3,455.02	131.29	124.10	5,094.32	155.38	8,960.11
908/1	CT307	144	3,455.02	131.29	124.10	5,094.32	155.38	8,960.11
908/1	CT310	146	3,225.15	122.55	119.50	4,914.07	149.88	8,531.15

Total of redeemed Certificates 279,414.46
 Premiums 13,600.00
 Total Refund to Empire \$ 293,014.46

US Bank Cust/Sass Muni VI dtr

<u>BI/Lt</u>	<u>Qual.</u>	<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Int on Cert</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>2011 TX</u>	<u>Interst on 2011 Tx</u>	<u>Total</u>
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603/6	CT409	77	1,799.64		47.99	2,470.45	50.65	4,368.73
				0.00				
603/6	CT411	79	2,674.26		65.49	3,700.62	75.86	6,516.23
				0.00				
603/6	CT504	84	1,198.46		35.97	1,768.28	36.25	3,038.96
				0.00				
603/6	CT509	89	1,384.76	11.69	39.70	2,022.61	41.46	3,500.22
908/1	CT111	94	1,273.90	0.00	37.48	2,868.62	58.68	4,238.68
908/1	CT113	96	1,271.78	0.00	37.44	2,857.46	58.58	4,225.26
908/1	CT115	98	1,106.66	0.00	34.13	2,479.85	50.84	3,671.48
908/1	CT117	100	1,271.78	2.68	37.44	2,857.46	58.58	4,227.94
908/1	CT120	103	5,073.13	21.41	214.93	7,745.83	158.79	13,214.09
908/1	CT122	105	5,073.13	21.41	214.93	7,745.83	158.79	13,214.09
908/1	CT123	106	1,273.90	5.37	37.48	2,862.62	58.68	4,238.05
908/1	CT126	109	5,073.13	0.00	214.93	7,745.83	158.79	13,192.68
908/1	CT135	118	1,273.90	45.71	37.48	2,862.62	58.68	4,278.39
908/1	CT142	125	1,271.78	48.32	37.44	2,857.46	58.58	4,273.58

Total of redeemed Certificates 86,198.38
 Premiums 300.00
 Total Refund to MDSass \$ 86,498.38

Borough of Northvale

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908/1	CT139	122	1,271.78	48.32	25.44	2,747.06	101.95	4,194.55
908/1	CT143	126	1,273.90	48.40	25.48	2,751.94	102.13	4,201.85
908/1	CT146	128	1,271.78	48.32	25.44	2,747.06	101.95	4,194.55
908/1	CT150	130	1,273.90	48.40	25.48	2,751.94	102.13	4,201.85
908/1	CT152	131	1,273.90	48.40	25.48	2,751.94	102.13	4,201.85
908/1	CT154	132	1,271.78	48.32	25.44	2,747.06	101.95	4,194.55
908/1	CT156	133	1,271.78	48.32	25.44	2,747.06	101.95	4,194.55
908/1	CT158	134	1,271.78	48.32	25.44	2,747.06	101.95	4,194.55
908/1	CT160	135	1,273.90	48.40	25.48	2,751.94	102.13	4,201.85
908/1	CT306	143	3,397.45	129.10	67.95	4,888.00	181.39	8,663.89
908/1	CT308	145	3,225.15	122.55	64.50	6,031.79	223.15	9,667.14

Total of redeemed Borough Certificates \$ 56,111.18

Michael Vesta

<u>BI/Lt</u>	<u>Qual.</u>	<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Int on Cert</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>2011 TX</u>	<u>Interst on 2011 Tx</u>	<u>Total</u>
603/6	CT405	73	2,388.68	0	102.77	0.00	0.00	2,491.45
603/6	CT502	82	2,338.75	0	101.78	0.00	0.00	2,440.53
603/6	CT505	85	2,627.19	0	107.54	0.00	0.00	2,734.73
908/1	CT121	104	1,271.78	48.32	80.44	0.00	0.00	1,400.54
908/1	CT127	110	1,271.78	48.32	80.44	0.00	0.00	1,400.54
908/1	CT132	115	1,607.65	61.09	87.15	0.00	0.00	1,755.89
908/1	CT134	117	1,607.65	61.09	87.15	0.00	0.00	1,755.89
908/1	CT201	136	3,382.80	64.27	122.66	0.00	0.00	3,569.73

908/1	CT302	140	3,525.06	133.95	125.50	0.00	0.00	3,784.51
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Total of redeemed Certificates	21,333.81
Premiums	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Refund to Vesta	\$ 22,533.81

John Finan

<u>BI/Lt</u>	<u>Qual.</u>	<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Int on Cert</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>2011 TX</u>	<u>Interst on 2011 Tx</u>	<u>Total</u>
908/1	CT119	102	1,106.66	42.05	77.13	0.00	0.00	1,225.84
908/1	CT125	108	1,273.90	0.00	80.48	0.00	0.00	1,354.38
908/1	CT130	113	1,626.61	61.81	87.53	0.00	0.00	1,775.95
908/1	CT136	119	1,607.65	51.44	87.15	0.00	0.00	1,746.24

Total Refund to Finan \$6,102.41

The Chief Financial Officer shall issue checks in the following amounts:

US Bank Cust/Emp IV, Cap One \$ 293,014.46
 2 Liberty Place
 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950
 Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

US Bank Cust/SASS Muni VI dtr \$ 86,498.38
 2 Liberty Place
 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950
 Philadelphia, PA 19102

Michael Vesta \$ 22,553.81
 263 Rivervale Road
 River Vale, NJ 07675

John Finan \$ 6,102.41
 55 MacArthur Avenue
 Closter, NJ 07624

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Motion by Councilman Piehler; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to approve Resolution #2012-16, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-16

Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to Refund Taxes Overpaid Due to State Tax Court Judgment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following overpayment of taxes due to State Tax Board Judgment:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>
406	4	Scott & Diane Firenze	\$ 2,539.33	2010

Thomas L. Murphy
 113 W. White Horse Road, Suite 4
 Voorhees, NJ 08043
 Property - 604 Woodland Avenue

406	8	Elisa Walker Thomas L. Murphy 113 W. White Horse Road, Suite 4 Voorhees, NJ 08043 Property - 616 Woodland Avenue	\$ 2,133.51	2010
711	9	Lu Ann Weis 512 White Avenue Northvale, NJ 07647	\$ 1,666.16	2009
1002	10	Michael & Jennifer Pawlowski William S. Winters, Esq. 199 Route 18 South East Brunswick, NJ 08816 Property – 174 High Street	\$ 2,052.74	2010
1101	13	Edro Associates Michael A. Vespasiano, Attorney Trust 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Property – 108 Fairway Court	\$ 4,832.41	2010
1101	5	Northvale 1997 Associates, LLC Peter J. Zipp, Esq. 166 Gatzmer Avenue Jamesburg, NJ 08831 Property – 140 LeGrand Avenue	\$ 5,352.23 <u>\$ 5,543.58</u> \$10,895.81	2009 2010
1101	12	Northvale 2005 Associates, LLC Peter J. Zipp, Esq. 166 Gatzmer Avenue Jamesburg, NJ 08831 Property – 10 Fairway Court	\$ 6,744.50 <u>\$ 6,985.62</u> \$13,730.12	2009 2010

WHEREAS, statutory interest pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2 having been waived by the taxpayers, shall not be paid provided the tax refund is paid within 60 days of the date of entry of the Tax Court judgment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue checks in the amounts as indicated above.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

Motion by Councilman Sotiropoulos; seconded by Councilman Sokoloski to approve Resolution #2012-17, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-17

Approve Raffle License #RL 171 for the Northvale Fire Association

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following license to conduct a Raffle be issued to:

NAME: Northvale Fire Association
ADDRESS: 204 Washington Street
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: Same
DATE OF RAFFLE: March 4, 2012 – 4:00 PM
I.D.#: 353-9-29752
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL 171

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.

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

Motion by Councilman Piehler; seconded by Councilwoman Libby to approve Resolution #2012-18, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-18

Emergency Temporary Appropriation

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the Operation of the New Northvale Media Center and no adequate provision has been made in the 2012 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A4-20 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 2012 including this resolution total \$2,062,385.00;

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

1. An emergency temporary appropriation to be and the same is hereby made for the Operation of the New Northvale Media Center in the amount of \$20,000.00.

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation will be provided for in the 2012 budget under the title of:

OPERATION OF THE NEW NORTHVALE MEDIA CENTER

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ON THE QUESTION: Councilman Piehler explained the start up of the Virtual Library and what the funds would be used for.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS –

Councilman Sokoloski reported that it has been a quick week since the Reorganization meeting. He stated that since then the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment and the Board of Health both had their reorganization meetings.

Councilman Marana reported that the Chief Financial Officer should have 2011 closed by the end of next week and that budget meetings will begin next Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Shepard reported that Fire Prevention had 24 inspections last month; 417 inspection in 2011 and that the Fire Department had 150 calls this year.

Councilman Piehler reported that he will be having a meeting with Millenium Strategies to review the grants that were applied for and 2011 and the requirements for 2012 grant applications. He reported that recreation will be having their reorganization meeting next Tuesday night and that field sponsorships will be going out next month. Lastly, he reported that tonights resolution will budget \$20,000 for e-books for the virtual libaray and that sales of older books, DVD's etc will be held in the near future to finance activities at the same.

Councilwoman Libby reported that there was no quorum for the Golden Age Club meeting, therefore, it will be held at a later date. Mayor Bazela asked Ms. Libby to estbalish a Chamber of Commerce in the coming months.

Councilman Sotiropoulos reported on the calls for the Ambulance Corps for the past month and the past year. He stated that the new rig now has about 30,000 miles and the old rig has about 60,000 miles. He stated that they try to rotate the rigs week by week in order not to build up the mileage. The statistics for the year showed that at least 1/3 of the calls that the Northvale Ambulance Corps responds to are for Rockleigh facilities and/or facilities located in Rockleigh.

Mayor Bazela again thanked everyone for working together this past year and he thanks them all for their cooperation. He also thanked the police department and the ambulance corps for their response to his house this past weekend for an incident that occurred with his health. He stated that he is fine, but appreciates the professionalism of everyone involved.

At this point, Mayor Bazela made a presentation of a Plaque to former Councilman Amend for his years of service to the Borough; not only as a police officer, but as a Boy Scout Leader and a member of the Recreation Committee. He stated that Bill always tries to give back to the community and always strives to do what is best for the children of the community.

Mr. Amend stated that it has been his pleasure to serve with everyone and that he enjoyed working with everyone on the council.

Mayor Bazela stated that the Bergen County Clerk, John Hogan; former Councilman and former Mayor is in the audience and that he too would like to make a presentation to former Councilman William Amend.

Bergen County Clerk Hogan stated that it was his pleasure to make this presentation to former Councilman Bill Amend on his service to the Borough. County Clerk Hogan stated that with all of his responsibilities on the County level that this was his very first presentation to a Councilmember for his service. He stated that he has known Bill for many, many years and he appreciates all that he does for the residents and most especially the children of Northvale.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORTS –

Mr. Niehoff reported that he has been working with the County to find out if the funding for the Streetscape project at Livingston Avenue and Pairs Avenue is still available from the County so that the project can get moving. He stated that there is no guarantee that the funding is still available, but, that they will move on. He reported that there is a deed of easement that is under debate with regard to the Deluxe Cleaners property with the Bergen County Planning Board and that he will have a discussion with the Borough Attorney regarding the same. Mr. Niehoff further discussed the Streetscape

Plan and his discussion with the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment with regard to same and handed out the most current plans that he had to the Mayor and Council.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORTS –

Mr. Paster had nothing to report this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Chris Holsen – 185 Scharer Avenue – Stated that the Railroad Tracks at Clinton Avenue are very dangerous. Mayor Bazela stated that he is very aware of the problem and has asked the Borough Clerk to write a letter to CSX with regard to same. He stated that if there is no answer soon, he will ask the Borough Attorney to write a letter as the crossings were replaced all the way down the line and then stopped in Northvale.

By-laws- Committee

Mayor Bazela appointed the following Councilmembers to the By-Laws Committee: Councilman Sotiropoulos, Councilwoman Libby and Councilman Marana,

Mr. Paster stated that he had reviewed the By-Laws last year and he feels that the committee with a one or two hour meeting will be able to present new By-Laws for approval by the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council at this time; Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilman Shepard to adjourn the meeting at 7:59PM.

PAUL BAZELA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner
Borough Clerk

Approved: February 8, 2012