

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
7:30 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Bazela called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 –

Girl Scout Troop #701 presented the United States Flag and lead the Salute to the Flag. Mayor Bazela asked all present to remain standing for a moment of Silent Prayer for all of the people who lost their lives in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania on 9/11.

ROLL CALL -

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

Also present: Borough Attorney, Gregg Paster, Borough Engineer, Paul Niehoff, LSRP from Maser Consulting Bob Zellely and Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Bazela asked Mr. Bob Zellely to speak on the Tect/Danzig clean up project. Mr. Zellely explained that the work plan will be done in conjunction with the development of the site. He anticipates that the check from the EDA will come to the Borough about the 2nd week of October. They anticipate that the remedy and design will be done in December. Councilman Marana asked Mr. Zellely when they can anticipate breaking ground of the project on that site. Mr. Zellely stated that it would be sometime in May. Mayor Bazela explained the process as he sees it at this time. He stated that he feels that there should be some sort of escrow set up for environmental review. The escrow should be paid for by the developer.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS –

Girl Scout Troop #701 – Silver Awards

Sofia Abate	Rebecca Bazela	Camiryn Belen
Courtney Brunet	Kaci Kopec	Sofia Pirsos
Maya Pontone	Gabrielle Visconi	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

APPROVAL OF BY LAWS –

Mayor Bazela asked Councilman Piehler to explain why the committee is being reinstated. Councilman Piehler stated that the funding received from this committee

will enable the Borough to sponsor movies in the park and give donations to graduating classes in the Northvale schools among other things.

Motion by Councilman Piehler; seconded by Councilman Shepard to approve the by-laws of the Northvale Municipal Alliance Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

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

Mayor Bazela stated that this correspondence can be viewed by the public Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

1. Letter – Northvale Police Department – September 11, 2012
Re: Invitation to Police Academy Orientation Night
September 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM
2. Letter - New Jersey State Board of Mediation – September 5, 2012
Re: Contract Renewal Negotiation – DPW Contract
3. Letter – Maser Consulting – August 29, 2012
Re: HDSRF Grant Services – Tect/Danzig
4. Letter – St. Anthony’s RC Church – August 13, 2012
Re: Permission for Banner for Carnival

RESOLUTIONS –

Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to approve Resolution #'s 2012-96 through 2012-106, on Consent Agenda, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-96

Authorize Submission of Application for 2013 Grant Funds from the County of Bergen for the Northvale Municipal Alliance

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Northvale Mayor and Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Northvale Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$19,040.00.

2. The Mayor and Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

RESOLUTION #2012-97

Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program Through the NJEDA and the DEP

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$295,577 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Municipal Grant Program through the DEP and the NJEDA for Remedial Investigation along with report preparation of the Tect/Danzig property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Northvale the above referenced grant is hereby accepted and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute grant documents as an authorized representative thereunder, as the representative for the Borough of Northvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

RESOLUTION #2012-98

Authorize Mayor Bazela to Sign an Agreement with Maser Consulting for LSRP Services for Tect/Danzig in Accordance with the Grant Agreement with the NJEDA and the DEP - \$295,277

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned agreement as outlined in Correspondence #3.

RESOLUTION #2012-99

Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Projects

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$70,000.00 has been proposed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale for the Operation of the James F. McGuire Memorial Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

RESOLUTION #2012-100

Enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen, Community Development for the Operation of the McGuire Senior Center 2012/2013 Program Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$39,000.00 in 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant funds for the Operation of the McGuire Senior Center located at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor Paul Bazela to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Shuaib Firozvi, Chief Financial Officer to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Northvale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

RESOLUTION #2012-101

Authorize the CFO to Release the Engineering Escrow the Petrillo Application Bock 901, Lot 8

WHEREAS, the above mentioned applicant had posted a Engineering Escrow for work performed at the above mentioned block and lot; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has determined that the development is complete and all required improvements have been installed satisfactorily and therefore recommends the release of the Escrow in the amount of \$4,964.31; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the release of the Petrillo Engineering Escrow Fee.

Approve the 2011 Audit and Corrective Action Plan

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2011 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R. S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Northvale hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

The Corrective Action Plan is as follows:

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN 2011

Finding # 1. Formal bank reconciliations are not maintained for the Community Development Trust Fund as required by NJSA 50A:5-5..

Action: Bank Accounts will be reconciled on a monthly basis and general ledgers will be maintained for the Community Development Trust Fund.

Finding # 2. Formal general ledgers are not being maintained for the Community Development Trust as required by NJSA 50A:5-5.

Action: General Ledgers will be established and maintained for the Community Development Trust.

Finding # 3. The percentage of employees' state unemployment withholdings that are to be retained by the borough are not being received and/or deposited into the Unemployment Trust Fund as required under the Benefits Reimbursement Method.

Action: Payroll services provider (ADP) will be contacted and inquired for the portion of employees' unemployment withholding for state unemployment insurance that are to be retained by the borough. ADP is likely depositing 100% of employees' unemployment withholding with the state under the Borough's employer, which is the case in many other municipalities using ADP as the payroll services provider..

Finding # 4. Payments for referee services are being made payable to "cash" and there were instances where the payee was left blank. The payments are also not processed through the Borough's purchasing system.

Action: Payments for referee services will be processed through Borough's purchasing system effective immediately, and no payments for referee services will be made payable to "cash or left blank.

Finding # 5. There are various outstanding grant/contribution receivables in the General Capital Fund.

Action: Grant receivables will be reviewed in the General Capital Fund and if uncollectible, will be cancelled.

Finding # 6. The prior year inter-fund balance between the Escrow Trust Fund and the General Capital Fund has not been liquidated.

Action: Interfund between the Escrow Trust and Capital Fund was a result of the Livingston Street tri-party project that was funded by the County, Developer, and the Borough. Due to lack of clarifications and proper agreements in place in writing at the time, some of the escrow charges were paid by the borough in error, without sufficient balances in Escrow account. This developer's escrow account still has a zero balance and the interfund will be settled as soon as the applicant funds the account with sufficient balances or other actions necessary are taken by the Borough to fund the project.

Finding # 7. A 1099 was not issued to all vendors not classified as corporations that were compensated in excess of \$600.00.

Action: All vendor activity will be reviewed by the CFO before 1099s are issued for the year 2012.

Finding # 8. The Community Development Trust Fund bank account was closed in violation of HUD regulations and grant agreements.

Action: The bank account was closed by the bank in error due to lack of activity. The new account has since been established which will not be closed due to lack of activity.

Finding # 9. Construction and other related expenditures pertaining to Improvements to Hogan's Park were incurred prior to the adoption of an improvement authorization.

Action: No activity or expenditures for capital improvements will take place prior to adoption of the necessary Improvement Authorizations or Bond Ordinances..

Finding # 10. Quotes were not solicited for all expenditures over 15% of the bid threshold.

Action: Informal Quotes will be solicited by department heads and/or the finance department for items that are over 15% of the bid threshold.

Finding # 11. Two projects for which the total costs exceeded the bid threshold were not put out to public bid as required under the Local Public Contracts Law

- Irrigation Work at Hogan's Park
- Paving at Hogan's Park

Action: Projects where the estimated cost exceeds the bid threshold will be put out to public bid as required by the Local Public Contract Law.

PAYROLL

Finding # 1. The payroll bank account had a deficit reserve balance at year end.

Action: The payroll bank reconciliation will be reviewed and the deficit will be funded before the end of the year.

Finding # 2. There were instances in which the overtime paid to employees could not be recalculated or confirmed to approved time cards.

Action: Overtime hours will be thoroughly reviewed and matched against time cards before processing with the biweekly payrolls.

DEPARTMENTS

Finding # 1. The Recreation Department does not maintain an adequate record of cash receipts.

Action: A proper record keeping system will be established for the Recreation Department cash receipts.

RESOLUTION #2012-103

Reject Bids for Recreation Field Improvements at Thomas Jefferson School and Nathan Hale School

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council accepted bids for the above mentioned project on May 30, 2012 and July 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, there were numerous bidders on both bid dates; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review by the Architect for the project, Gregg Stopa of DMR Architecture it has been determined that all bids are over budget; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education concur with the Architects assessment and have determined that the scope of the project should be changed to allow the work to be bid in stages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby reject all bids and that the scope of work be changed to allow the work to be bid in stages.

RESOLUTION #2012-104

Waive Fees for a Building Permit for the Schools – Installation of LED Sign

BE IT RESOLVED, that the fees for the above mentioned be waived at the request of the Construction Code Official.

RESOLUTION #2012-105

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)	\$ 224,811.46
Appropriation Reserves (2011)	\$ 0.00
General Capital Fund	\$ 9,417.75
Animal License Trust	\$ 22.80
Community Development Trust	\$ 0.00
Developer's Escrow Trust	\$ 12,377.38
Food Trust	\$ 1,385.17
Recreation Trust	\$ 6,626.16
Summer Recreation	\$660.84
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	September 2012	\$ 217,803.02
Local School	September 2012	\$ 1,406,060.00
County Tax	September 2012	\$ 0.00
County Open Space	September 2012	\$ 0.00
Health Benefits	September 2012	\$ 36,099.27
Recreation Transfers	September 2012	\$ 0.00
Regional School	September 2012	\$ 998,107.20

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling \$ 2,913,371.05 and ratified respectively.

The bill list is as follows:

Vendor	Checkno	Chktotal	Description
N.J. Dept Of Health & Senior S	128	22.80	Expenditures Animal Trust
Kaufmann,Bern & Deutche,L.L.P	471	1992.58	Various

Maser Consulting P.A.	472	5398.75	Various
North Jersey Media Group	473	21.74	John Petrillo
Paolo Petrillo	474	4964.31	Paolo Petrillo
Maser Consulting P.A.	550	4682.50	Various
North Jersey Media Group	551	198.45	Ord 912-12 Police Suv
Regional Communications ,Inc.	552	4536.80	Ord 912-12 Radios And Pagers
Durie Lawn Mower & Equip Inc	7068	-240.80	Parks & Playgrounds
Traffic Safety & Equipment Co.	7122	-188.95	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Office Concepts Group	7130	-101.77	Administrative & Executive O/E
Patrick Johnson	7131	450.00	Administrative & Executive O/E
Durie Lawn Mower & Equip Inc	7132	-320.70	Parks & Playgrounds
Durie Lawn Mower & Equip Inc	7133	-320.70	Parks & Playgrounds
Staples Business Advantage	7135	-101.77	Administrative & Executive O/E
Alert-All Corporation	7137	444.00	Fire Prevention O/E
Anita Tire	7138	282.00	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Argenti Plumbing & Heating	7139	259.65	Buildings & Grounds
Ballys Atlantic City	7140	695.00	Various
Bcmcaa	7141	50.00	Municipal Court O/E
Beckerle Lumber Supply Co.	7142	453.25	Various
Benaquista Construction,Co, In	7143	15.00	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Bergen-Passaic Municipal Assoc	7144	55.00	Fire Prevention O/E
Cablevision	7145	266.56	Various
Certified Speedometer Svc Inc.	7146	350.00	Police O/E
Cesco	7147	345.04	Buildings & Grounds
Classic Shine	7148	165.00	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Coachman Internatl Tours,Inc	7149	950.00	Recreation Senior Bus Trips
Compound Signs	7150	250.00	Police O/E
Cooper Electric Supply Co.	7151	202.26	Various
County Of Rockland - Drainage	7152	1524.27	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
D & E Uniforms	7153	431.00	Various
Dearborn National	7154	170.10	Employee Group Insurance
Deborah Kaniecki	7155	120.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Delta Dental Plan Of N.J.,Inc	7156	5058.40	Employee Group Insurance
Dolores Alfis	7157	135.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Dorothy Garry	7158	200.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Ellen J. Springsteen	7159	60.00	Municipal Court O/E
Enforsys Fire Systems, Inc	7160	500.00	Fire Prevention O/E
Ge Capital	7161	834.00	Administrative & Executive O/E
Gregg F. Paster & Assoc.	7162	7943.75	Various
Hometown Hardware	7163	408.70	Various
Hvac Distributors,Inc	7164	30.53	Buildings & Grounds
Inserra Supermarket, Inc.	7165	112.96	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Jacqueline Walker	7166	236.94	Appropriated Grants
James Klics	7167	186.00	Police O/E
Jesco, Inc.	7168	988.47	Recycling O/E
John S. Hogan	7169	4394.34	Administrative & Executive O/E
Kaufmann,Bern & Deutche,L.L.P	7170	178.75	Planning Board O/E
Keystone Plastics Inc.	7171	102.25	Recycling O/E
Knox Company	7172	829.00	Various
La Casa Formosa	7173	2125.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Linda Sue Clark	7174	74.20	Police O/E
Lisa Salerno	7175	140.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Magellan Hill Technologies	7176	2997.89	Telephone
Margaret Raso	7177	765.00	Appropriated Grants
Maser Consulting P.A.	7178	9455.00	Various
Maureen Felici	7179	400.00	Various
Mcguire Senior Center	7180	100.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Metro Pest Solutions	7181	100.00	Buildings & Grounds
Miele Sanitation Co	7182	60483.53	Solid Waste Collection
Minuteman Press	7183	37.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
North Jersey Media Group	7184	201.29	Various
Norwood Car Care	7185	2466.15	Police O/E
Oak Tree Printing,Inc.	7186	59.00	Municipal Court O/E
Otterstedt Insurance Agency	7187	500.00	Other Insurance
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	7188	1000.00	Administrative & Executive O/E
Poland Spring Water Co.	7189	394.69	Various
Quality Vacuums	7190	45.00	Buildings & Grounds
Rachles / Michele's Oil Co,Inc	7191	10655.49	Gasoline
Rick Carbaugh	7192	320.00	Police O/E

Robert Carlisle	7193	189.00	Mcguire Senior Center O/E
Rockland Electric Co	7194	5207.69	Street Lighting
Rockland Electric Company	7195	6094.80	Electricity
Rose Savincki	7196	136.00	Various
Rudy's Ristornate & Pizzeria	7197	112.00	Recreation Senior Bus Trips
Sherwin Williams Co.	7198	557.87	Various
Staples Business Advantage	7199	232.32	Various
Tanya Dmitruk	7200	361.00	Various
Tenaflly Mower Service,Inc.	7201	99.80	Parks & Playgrounds
Tilcon New York Inc.	7202	353.80	Dpw Streets & Roads O/E
Treasurer State Of New Jersey	7203	30.00	Fire Prevention O/E
Trooper Foods	7204	400.98	Various
Tyco Animal Control Services	7205	730.00	Animal Control O/E
United Water New Jersey	7206	1392.15	Water
United Water New Jersey	7207	6974.71	Fire Hydrants Service
Verizon Wireless	7208	0.00	Various
Verizon Wireless	7209	109.56	Telephone
Verizon Wireless	7210	394.71	Telephone
Challenger Teamwear	10040	877.31	Reserve Recreation Soccer
Compound Signs	10041	120.00	Reserve Recreation Hogan's
Heinz D. Schroeder	10042	2826.49	Reserve Recreation Rifle Club
Jim Rawdon	10043	26.00	Reserve Recreation Baseball
Prime Time Group, Llc	10044	2615.40	Various
Sports Time Inc.	10045	35.96	Reserve Recreation Basketball
Tara Mccann	10046	125.00	Reserve Recreation Soccer
Inserra Supermarket, Inc.	10074	298.86	Reserve Summer Recr Trust
Northvale Town Day Committee	10075	361.98	Reserve Summer Recr Trust

RESOLUTION #2012-106

Resolution Rejecting Bid for Installation of Traffic Control Signal Monitoring and Authorizing the Publication of a New RFP

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale solicited proposals for installation of traffic control signal monitoring systems as set forth in the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Statutes (N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.12 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has introduced and adopted an Ordinance to permit such traffic monitoring equipment to be installed pursuant to statute; and

WHEREAS, one responsive proposal was received, from Redflex Traffic Systems, 23751 North 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body now seeks to reject the lone bid and to solicit new proposals with the intention of obtaining competitive proposals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the proposal of Redflex Traffic Systems for installation of a traffic control device monitoring system be and is hereby rejected, and the Borough Clerk and Attorney are directed to formulate revised specifications and publish same to solicit a new round of proposals, in a manner consistent with statute and the Request for Proposals previously advertised; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be served upon the lone vendor within seven (7) days of the adoption hereof.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

**Receipt of Bids
Wheel Loader Backhoe**

The Borough Clerk opened the bids as follows:

Jesco
118 St. Nicholas Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

2012 Wheel Loader Backhoe \$100,707.00
Less Trade in \$7,000.00
Total \$93,707.00

Trico
551 N Harding Highway
Vineland, NJ 083360

2012 Wheel Loader Backhoe \$99,500.00
Less Trade in \$7,500
Total \$92,000.00

The Borough Clerk stated that the bids will be reviewed by the Borough Attorney and the Superintendent of Public Works and that the Mayor and Council have 60 days in which to award the bid.

ORDINANCES – 2nd reading –

There were no Ordinances for 2nd reading at this time.

ORDINANCES – 1st reading –

There were no Ordinances for 1st reading at this time.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS –

Councilman Sotiropoulos – Reported on the Ambulance Corps statistics for the month of August. He reported that the Corps responded to the lighting strike that occurred at Northern Valley Demarest High School and that unfortunately the man that was struck did not survive. He stated that over the summer the Corps had a pool drill over the summer because there have been a few pool incidents in the surrounding area. He reported that they participated in Northvale Town Day and it was a nice day.

Councilwoman Libby – Reported that Senior Center funding for the operation of the Center has been drastically cut and as a result the center is now charging a fee of \$1.00 per person for bingo on Fridays. Some people don't like being charged, but, she is sure that they will adjust.

Councilman Marana – Reported that the Chief Financial Officer is working on the first draft of the 2013 budget and that he should have it ready in a few weeks. Mayor Bazela stated that he would like to have it as soon as possible. Councilman Marana stated that perhaps it could be ready for the Council for the next Gripe Night meeting on the 1st Tuesday of October.

Councilman Marana further reported that the building department revenue for the month of August was about \$7,000.00 and that revenues year to date are approximately \$170,000.00 and the projected amount anticipated in this years budget was \$100,000.00.

Councilman Shepard – Reported that the Department of Public Works is still doing grass barrel pickup for the month, but, will end on October 1. He further reported that leaf pick up will start on the week of October 8th and that the DPW cannot vaccum leaves in bags or in barrels. He stated that there will not be any brush pick is suspended during leaf season. He further reported that the DPW will be sponsoring another electronics recycling event on Saturday September 22 from 9 – 1 in the parking lot at borough hall. Wood debris will also be collected on that day. Councilman Shepard

further reported that Saturday, October 6th will be held again in the borough hall parking lot between the hours of 9 – 1.

Mayor Bazela – Reported that he will advise Councilman Sokoloski on the discussions had on the environmental issues that were discussed this evening. He thanked everyone involved in the Northvale Town Day activities. He also thanked all of the donors for their contributions of time and/or money.

Mayor Bazela stated that he attended a meeting with regard to the purchase of police radios. He stated that he was told that there is no money available for state mandated radio changes and he feels that the police departments, fire departments and ambulance corps rely on those radios for communication.

Mayor Bazela stated that he will be going to a meeting on Thursday with regard to Light Rail and will report back at the next meeting. He also stated that he will be participating with other Mayors an event at Shop Rite bagging groceries. He stated that the Northern Valley Police Chiefs Parade is in Demarest this year on October 6, 2012 at 1 PM. Lastly, he said that St. Anthony's Carnival will be held the week of the 26th of September.

Councilman Piehler – Reported on the grants received this year and that the County Freeholders should be awarding the Livingston Street/Paris Avenue bid this evening. He reported that Northvale Recreation had a table/booth at the Northvale Town Day and are doing various things to raise money for their sports programs. One of the fund raisers is magnets for cars and each sport will be selling them.

Councilman Piehler further reported that it was a good summer at the media center. They have been lending out books and holding story hours and things seem to be working very well. He stated that there will be various events that will be held in the near future, one being the “Trunk and Treat” event for Halloween to raise funds to continue improving the Media Center.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORTS –

Borough Engineer Niehoff reported that the Hogan Park project started on Monday and should be completed in mid October. The County has received and opened bids on the Paris Avenue/Livingston Street project and that the lowest bidder was DR Mullin. That bid should be awarded by the freeholders in the very near future. He further reported that he inspected the curb work that the Mayor informed him about last month and that the curb work has been redone and it worked out just fine. He further reported that the Andre Avenue Improvements will start around October 1st.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORTS –

Borough Attorney Paster reported on the Paris Avenue and Livingston Street property acquisition for right of ways for the project. He further reported that he has consulted with the attorney for the Board of Education in connection with the field improvements and that there will be more to come on that issue in the future. Lastly, he stated that he prepared the resolution rejecting the lone responsive red light camera bid and he is working on the revised specs to re-bid the project. He reported that there is one other item that should be discussed in closed session, but, that no action will be taken.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Marielisa Bazela – 165 Washington Street asked some questions with regard to Resolution #2012-103. The Mayor answered her questions.

Mr. Bambino – 123 Rockland Avenue – Stated that he is pro Light Rail and was interested in what the Mayor thought about it. Mayor Bazela stated that he didn't think that Light Rail would come this far as the population between Norwood and Northvale is very small.

CLOSED SESSION –

Motion by Councilman Marana; seconded by Councilman Shepard to close the meeting at to the public at 8:57 PM and enter into closed session via Resolution 2012-107, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-107

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.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Councilman Shepard; seconded by Councilman Sotiropoulos to go back into open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All present in favor.

PAUL J. BAZELA
Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner
Borough Clerk

Approved: October 10, 2012