#### MINUTES

# Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council Monday, June 24, 2019 7:00 PM

#### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

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

#### STATEMENT -

Mayor Marana read the "Sunshine Statement" into the record as follows:

"This is a Special 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 Newspaper 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 Marana 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** -

Name	Present	Absent	Late
Mayor Marana	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman DeLisio			$\boxtimes$
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Sotiropoulos			$\boxtimes$

#### ALSO PRESENT -

Ms. Deena Rosendahl, Borough Attorney and Wanda A. Worner, Borough Clerk.



# SUSPENSION OF REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS -

Mayor Marana suspended the regular order of business in order to entertain a Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2019 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Marana stated that just prior to the last meeting, the Division of Local Government Services advised the Borough that the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes was under estimated, therefore, they advised us that we had to increase that amount by \$54,000. There was also a small adjustment that needed to be made to miscellaneous revenues. Therefore, the local tax levy increased from 6.5% to 7.4% and that equates to a \$181 increase for an average house assessed at \$396,000.



# Public Hearing Amendment to the 2019 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2019 was approved on 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the said budget has been held as advertised on  $12^{\text{th}}$  day of June, 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2019 be made:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES:	FROM	TO
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
Section B: State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations		
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act	7,334.00	0.00
Energy Receipts Tax	553,971.00	561,305.00
Total Section B: State Aid w/out Offsetting Appropriation	561,305.00	561,305.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,723,857.00	1,723,857.00
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes		
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	6,644,913.00	6,698,913.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	6,974,733.00	7,028,733.00
Total General Revenue	9,171,590.00	9,225,590.00
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	FROM	TO
M. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	180,000.00	234,000.00
Total General Appropriations	9,171,590.00	9,225,590.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2019 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-9, be published in the Record in the issue of June  $17^{th}$ , 2019 and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at Borough Hall on June  $24^{th}$ , 2019 at 7:00 PM.

# Open Public Hearing -

Mayor Marana opened the public hearing on the Amendment to the 2019 Municipal Budget at this time.

#### **Close Public Hearing –**

There being no questions or comments from the public; Mayor Marana closed the public hearing on the amendment.

#### **RESOLUTIONS –**

# **RESOLUTION #2018-116**

# TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS AMENDED

Motion	Second	Name
		Councilman Argiro
		Councilman DeLisio
		Councilman McGuire
$\boxtimes$		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
		Councilman Sotiropoulos

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenue and appropriation attached hereto constitute the adopted local budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey for the year 2019.

#### **Revenue and Appropriation Summaries – Anticipated**

Summary of Revenues	2019	2018
1. Surplus	273,000.00	665,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,723,857.00	1,629,258.50
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	200,000.00	206,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	6,698,913.00	6,240,000.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	329,820.00	323,844.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	7,028,733.00	6,563,844.00
Total General Revenues	9,225,590.00	9,064,102.50
Summary of Appropriations		
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,199,554.00	3,188,335.00
Other Expenses	2,570,793.00	2,460,588.00
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,489,796.00	2,266,124.50
3. Capital Improvements	25,000.00	28,500.00
4. Debt Service	706,447.00	730,555.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	234,000.00	390,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	9,225,590.00	9,064,102.50

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Late
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman DeLisio					$\boxtimes$
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman Sotiropoulos					

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Minutes Combined Meeting of June 12, 2019 Closed Session Minutes of June 12, 2019

Motion	Second	Name
		Councilman Argiro
		Councilman DeLisio
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
$\boxtimes$		Councilman Sotiropoulos

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Late
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman DeLisio					$\boxtimes$
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$				
Councilman Small				$\boxtimes$	
Councilman Sotiropoulos	$\boxtimes$				

# APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Approve the appointment of Diane Frohlich as Technical Assistant to the Building Department, effective August 1, 2019.

Motion	Second	Name
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman Argiro
		Councilman DeLisio
		Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
$\boxtimes$		Councilman Sotiropoulos

ON THE QUESTION: Councilman Small asked why we are doing the appointment before we do the resolution. The Borough Clerk stated that typically the appointments are made during this portion of the meeting, however, the Council has asked that appointments now be done by resolution. Ms. Rosendahl stated that she didn't see a problem with doing both.

Councilman McGuire questioned the position of Public Events Coordinator and whether there is such a position now. Ms. Rosendahl asked if there is a job description for all of the other positions and the answer was yes. She then stated that the position

should be created, but that it could still be in the resolution. Councilman Shepard asked about Town Day and how this position would affect the committee. Mayor Marana stated that Ms. Weston supports that Town Day Committee with sending out the fund raising letters. However, he feels that this role would be a support role for the committee, but a little stronger on the fund raising. Councilman Small asked about the salaries and certifications of both appointees. Mayor Marana stated that the Technical Assistant isn't a required certification however, Ms. Frohlich will be pursuing it. He further stated that Ms. Cowley will have mandatory classes that she will be attending for Municipal Court. Councilman Small stated that we are paying more money for less talent and in a year when we are trying to save money, it doesn't make any sense. Councilman Sotiropoulos stated that the personnel committee had interviewed numerous candidates and out of all of them they felt these were the best of the best, therefore, this is the recommendation that they feel the most comfortable making to the Mayor and Council.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Sotiropoulos				

Approve the appointment of Nicole Cowley as Finance Assistant and Municipal Court Violations Clerk, effective July 8, 2019.

Mayor Marana explained the correspondence that he received from the Central Municipal Court and Ms. Cowley will not be able to be a member of the Board of Education if she takes the job as violations clerk.

Motion	Second	Name
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman Argiro
		Councilman DeLisio
		Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
$\boxtimes$		Councilman Sotiropoulos

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small				
Councilman Sotiropoulos				

# **RESOLUTIONS** –

#### **RESOLUTION #2019-117**

TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF A FULL TIME - TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE NORTHVALE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Motion	Second	Name
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman Argiro
$\boxtimes$		Councilman DeLisio
		Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
		Councilman Sotiropoulos

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Laura Benvenuto, presently holds the title of Technical Assistant to the Northvale Building Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Benvenuto has resigned her position effective July 1, 2019, therefore, creating a vacancy of that position; and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel committee has interviewed numerous candidates to fill the vacancy and are recommending Ms. Diane Frohlich to fill the position, effective August 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel committee is recommending the following salary for Ms. Frohlich:

Construction Code Technical Assistant	\$47,522.00
Code Compliance Secretary	\$ 1,850.00
Fire Prevention Secretary	\$ 2,628.00
Public Events Coordinator	\$ 5,000.00

Total Salary \$57,000.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the appointment of Ms. Diane Frohlich as Full Time Technical Assistant to the Northvale Building Department, effective August 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be no change to her present vacation, sick, personal days or other benefits (health/dental/life).

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Sotiropoulos				



#### **RESOLUTION #2019-118**

# TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF A FINANCE ASSISTANT AND VIOLATION CLERKS FOR THE NORTHVALE MUNICIPAL COURT

Motion	Second	Name
$\boxtimes$		Councilman Argiro
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman DeLisio
		Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
		Councilman Sotiropoulos

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Diane Frohlich, presently holds the title of Finance Assistant and Deputy Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frohlich has been transferred to the Building Department as Technical Assistant effective August 1, 2019, therefore, creating a vacancy of the above mentioned positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel committee has interviewed numerous candidates to fill the vacancy and are recommending Ms. Nicole Cowley to fill the positions, with a start of July 8, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** the personnel committee is recommending the following salary for Ms. Cowley:

Finance Assistant \$30,379.00 Municipal Court Violations Clerk \$12,621.00

Total Salary \$43,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cowley will be waiving health benefits for the year 2019, which will entitle her to an additional compensation of \$5,000.00 per year, prorated in accordance with the duration of her employment in 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the appointment of Ms. Nicole Cowley as Finance Assistant and Municipal Court Violations Clerk with all the terms and conditions of her offer letter of June 19, 2019.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain

Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$		
Councilman Sotiropoulos			

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#### **RESOLUTION #2019-119**

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH FOR POLICE AND COURT SERVICES

Motion	Second	Name
		Councilman Argiro
		Councilman DeLisio
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
		Councilman Sotiropoulos

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Rockleigh ("Rockleigh") desires that Northvale provide law enforcement services to its residents, including but not limited to police patrol and protection, police dispatching services, municipal court services, violations bureau, and 911 and related services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., any municipality of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality or municipalities for the shared provision within their several jurisdictions of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c), two or more municipalities, by ordinance or resolution, may agree to share services for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies, and employees for their municipal courts and agree to appoint the same employees including, but not limited to, municipal judges, court administrators, prosecutors, public defenders and security personnel without establishing a joint municipal court; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough Attorney has reviewed the proposed Shared Services Agreement to provide for the shared services referenced herein (the "Agreement") and has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough to execute the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Sotiropoulos	$\boxtimes$			

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – TIME: 7:32 PM**

John Hogan – 414 Simon Way – Stated that he appreciates the due diligence that went into the hiring of these two employees. He stated as the Borough Clerk said, that this is the first time in a long time, when there have been so many retirements. He further stated that when Ms. Benvenuto was on vacation, that Ms. Frohlich was there to back her up. He stated that Ms. Cowley should do well in finance and with Ms. Frohlich's help she should be able to pick up on it quickly. Lastly, he stated that last year, where was the due diligence when the Fleet Manager was hired and that as Councilman Sotiropoulos stated a while ago, \$150,000 savings as opposed to a \$12,000 savings is a no brainer.

#### **CLOSED SESSION – TIME: 7:35 PM**

Action may  $\square$  not  $\boxtimes$  be taken upon return to open session.

#### **RESOLUTION #2019-120**

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

Motion	Second	Name
		Councilman Argiro
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman DeLisio
		Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
$\boxtimes$		Councilman Small
		Councilman Sotiropoulos

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Northvale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Council of the Borough of Northvale to discuss in session not open to the public certain matter relating to an item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b, as listed below:

$\boxtimes$	1.	Matters required by law to be confidential
	2.	Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
	3.	Matters involving individual privacy
	4.	Matters relating to collective bargaining
	5.	Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of
		public funds.
	6.	Matters relating to public safety and property.
	7.	Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney client privilege.
	8.	Matters relating to the employment relationship – Personnel
	9.	Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale that immediately after the adoption of this resolution the Council shall enter into closed session.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Sotiropoulos	Ø			

# **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – TIME: 8:12 PM**

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Motion	Second	Name
		Councilman Argiro
$\boxtimes$		Councilman DeLisio
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
П	П	Councilman Sotiropoulos

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Sotiropoulos	$\boxtimes$			

**ADJOURNMENT – TIME: 8:12 PM** 

Motion	Second	Name
		Councilman Argiro
$\boxtimes$		Councilman DeLisio
	$\boxtimes$	Councilman McGuire
		Councilman Shepard
		Councilman Small
		Councilman Sotiropoulos

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Argiro	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman DeLisio	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman McGuire	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Shepard	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Small	$\boxtimes$			
Councilman Sotiropoulos				

Patrick J. Marana Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner Borough Clerk

Approved: July 10, 2019

Wanda H. Worner