



**BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
COMBINED PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
January 4, 2024, at 7:30 P.M.**



MINUTES

REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMBINED WORK AND FORMAL MEETING

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

A Motion to **approve** the Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023, Motion was made by Mr. Gullestad and seconded by Mr. Brisco.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Giannotti, Vice Chairman Amorosso, Mayor McGuire, Chief Ostrow, Mr. Moran, Mr. Pothos, Mr. Puppelo, Mr. Degen (Alt#1), Mr. Gullestad (Alt#3)

ABSTAIN: Councilman Bakalian, Mr. Briscoe, Mr. Brunet

ABSENT: N/A

Vice Chairman Amorosso reminded the Board members, all meetings are on Wednesday. Today was an anomaly due to the Mayor and Council meeting yesterday. He also shared November and December we have one meeting.

Attorney-Gregg Paster & Scott Loverick from Neglia Engineering thanked the Mayor and Board Members, appreciating the appointment and the opportunity to continue working together.

A motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:45 PM was made by Mr. Gullestad and seconded by Vice Chairman Amorosso

All present were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Martino

**Julia Martino
Board Secretary**

APPROVED: 1/17/24



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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

STATEMENT

Mr. Amorosso read the “Sunshine Statement” into the record as follows:

“This is a Reorganization Meeting of the Combined Planning Board/Board of Adjustment 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 Municipal Clerk, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All notice requirements of Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled. Please note the fire exits as required by law at the public meetings.”

Chairman Amorosso ask Mayor McGuire for his Council Appointments

Mayor McGuire announced Councilman Hovannes Bakalian as the Council’s appointment to the Planning/Zoning Board for a one-year term ending 12/31/24.

Planning/Zoning Board – Mayor’s Appointments

YEAR	POSITION	NAME	TERM	BEGINNING	ENDING
2024	Class III	Councilman Hovannes Bakalian	1 year	1/1/24	12/31/24
	Class II	Howard Ostrow	1 year	1/1/24	12/31/24
	Class IV	Peter Briscoe	4 years	1/1/24	12/31/27
	Alternate #2	Glenn Brunet	2 years	1/1/24	12/31/25

Chairman Amorosso took the opportunity to address the Board members and advise them of some meeting parameters including time commitments and ethical obligations. He thanked the new and returning Board members for serving. Mayor McGuire echoed his gratitude and expressed his looking forward to a positive year ahead and continued dedication to the residents of Northvale.



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ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairman Giannotti, Vice Chairman Amorosso, Mayor McGuire, Councilman Bakalian, Mr. Briscoe, Chief Ostrow, Mr. Moran, Mr. Pothos, Mr. Puppelo, Mr. Degen (Alt#1), Mr. Brunet (Alt#2), Mr. Gullestad (Alt#3)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney-Gregg Paster
Neglia Engineering-Scott Loverich
Julia Martino Board Secretary

ABSENT: N/A

OATH OF OFFICE

**Mayor McGuire swore in the following members:
Councilman Hovannes Bakalian, Howard Ostrow, Peter Briscoe, Glenn Brunet**

Chairman Amorosso went right into the Council's Appointments to the Planning/Zoning Board-Class III.

1. A motion to appoint Vice Chairman Giannotti as **Chairman of the Board** was made by Chairman Amorosso and seconded by Chief Ostrow.

All present were in favor.

2. A motion to appoint Chairman Amorosso as **Vice Chairman of the Board** was made by Vice Chairman Giannotti and seconded by Mr. Moran.

All present were in favor.

3. A motion to appoint Julia Martino as **Board Secretary** was made by Chairman Amorosso and seconded by Vice Chairman Giannotti.

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4. A motion to appoint Gregg Paster, Esq. of Gregg E. Paster and Associates, 530 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ as the **Board Attorney** was made by Chairman Amorosso and seconded by Vice Chairman Giannotti.
5.
All present were in favor.
6. A motion to appoint Neglia Group, 34 Park Avenue, PO Box 426, Lyndhurst NJ as the **Board Engineer** was made by Chairman Amorosso and seconded by Mr. Pothos.

All present were in favor.
7. All members present were in favor of selecting the Record to be the **Official Newspaper** (Which is the official newspaper used by the Mayor and Council.) 6.
8. All members present were in favor to accept the **2024 Meeting Dates**:

January 4, January 17, February 7, February 21, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, August 7, August 21, September 4, September 18, October 2, October 16, November 6, December 4
9. All members were in favor of the **Official Depositories** (The same bank as the Mayor and Council use for the deposits of escrow accounts)

Vice Chairman Amorosso thanked the board members for being courteous to him during his time as Chairman.

Chairman Giannotti thanked Vice Chairman Amorosso for his 30+ years of service to the community as Chairman.

A motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting was made by Mr. Giannotti and seconded by Chief Ostrow.

All members present were in favor.

THIS CONCLUDES THE REORGANIZATION PORTION OF THE MEETING.