

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7:00 PM

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

Mayor McGuire read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice 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 have been advertised in the official Newspaper of the Borough, filed with the Municipal 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 FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor McGuire asked everyone to stand and join him in a salute to the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering Joe Casella who worked for the Borough for 18 years with the DPW. He passed away in January.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Mayor McGuire	Present	Council President McMorrow	Present
Councilman Argiro	Present	Councilman Mattessich	Present
Councilman Hogan	Present	Councilman Menafra	Present

Other Officials Present:

Robert Ferraro, Borough Attorney
Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

Mayor McGuire states at this time everyone will be going to the Senior Center to present certificates to the NVOT Marching Band National Champions. Mayor McGuire congratulates the members of the Marching Band. Mayor McGuire and the Council present each member with a certificate of recognition. Each Director is presented a certificate of recognition. Mayor McGuire tells the band that he hopes there is a repeat of this win next year.

Meeting resumes in the Council Chambers.

Mayor McGuire states that the Republican County Committee presented 3 names to the Council to fill his vacant Council seat.

Councilman Menafra nominated Roy Sokoloski and Councilman Argiro seconded the nomination.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes		

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second on Resolution #2023-39. Motion was made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

RESOLUTION #2023-39

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL VACANT SEAT

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Borough Council as a result of the resignation of Joseph McGuire, who was a member of the Republican party, and

WHEREAS, the Council have received proposed names to fill the vacant seat from the Republican Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Governing body has reviewed the names submitted to fill the vacant seat;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing body of the Borough of Northvale does hereby appoint Roy Sokoloski, who is one of the names submitted by the Republican Committee to fill the vacant seat as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes		

Mayor McGuire swears in Councilman Roy Sokoloski to fill the vacant Council seat.

Councilman Sokoloki thanked everyone for their confidence they placed in him. He was a Councilman many years ago and enjoyed it. He is looking forward to working together for everyone in this community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2023.. Motion was made by Councilman Argiro, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain

Special Meeting of January 19, 2023

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 19, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Argiro, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor McGuire states that the following reports are on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office and can be viewed by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Building Department
- Engineer – Neglia Group
- Fire Prevention
- Grantswriter – Bruno Associates
- Recreation Minutes
- Tax Collector

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Edward Durfee, Republican Municipal Chair, Letter Dated January 27, 2023
Re: Republican Council Seat Vacancy
2. Colliers Engineering. Letter Dated February 3, 2023
Re: 2023 Riverside Coop Paving Program NVB-0034
(Resolution #2023-41)
3. Arcari + Iovino Architects, Proposal Dated January 24, 2023
Re: Borough Hall – ADA Main Entrance
(Resolution #2023-59)

Mayor McGuire asks for a motion and second to approve the appointment of Barsa Insurance Agency as Risk Management Consultant for a one year term ending December

31, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

Mayor McGuire stated that Mayor Barsa has 35 years experience in the insurance business and 17 years as a Mayor in a municipality that is similar to ours and right next to us. The commissions are the JIF recommended commissions that go along with the position.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Hogan stated that he has been the Risk Management Liaison for his entire term and there has never been any issues with Otterstedt Insurance. In January he asked why we were not accepting Otterstedt back as they were the only bid received. He was told at that time that we were going out to see if we could get more bids. Was this decision made due to financial reasons? Barsa doesn't have experience as Risk Management. Mayor McGuire replied that Mayor Barsa has been in the insurance industry for 35 years. Mayor McGuire further stated that we are looking for change, nothing against Otterstedt. Mayor McGuire would like to see how this year goes with Barsa Insurance. Councilman Hogan said he is looking forward to working with Mayor Barsa.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	No	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda –

“All items are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Any item may be removed for further discussion or for a roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business”

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions #2023-40 through 2023-59. Motion made by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

RESOLUTION #2023-40

TITLE: CONFIRMATION OF PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO PREPARE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SAME

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale requires the services of Risk Management Consultant for the year 2023 as required by law and is authorized to retain such professional without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the year 2023 will contain the necessary appropriations in such amount as may be reasonably estimated and required for Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McGuire has duly appointed, and the Council of the Borough of Northvale has duly confirmed, the appointment of Risk Management Consultant for the year ending December 31, 2023 as follows:

Risk Management Consultant	-	Barsa Insurance Agency 469 Livingston Street Norwood, New Jersey 07648
Duration	-	February 9, 2023 – December 31, 2023

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the services to be rendered pursuant hereto are hereby determined to be Professional Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and the same are to be performed by a person and entity authorized by law to practice a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby direct the Borough Attorney to prepare the Professional Service Agreement for execution and delivery by the above professional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of the Contract Award to be published as required by law.

RESOLUTION #2023-41

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO 2023 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PAVING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Borough has entered into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement (the “Cooperative Agreement”) with the Boroughs of Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Englewood Cliffs, Harrington Park, Haworth, Hillsdale, Little Ferry, New Milford, Norwood, River Edge, Tenafly and the Board of Education of Harrington Park located within the County of Bergen (hereinafter referred to as the “2023 Riverside Cooperative”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement the Borough of Northvale has been designated as the Lead Agency for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies for the 2023 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has submitted an agreement to provide professional engineering services for the coordination of the 2023 Riverside Cooperative Paving Program; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has presented the Borough of Northvale, as the Lead Agency, an agreement for design services only (annexed hereto) in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to be shared equally by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2023 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough and the 2023 Riverside Cooperative to execute the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby authorizes the payment of \$6,000.00 to Colliers Engineering & Design to be shared equally by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2023 Riverside Cooperative, for design services only as set forth on the attached agreement.

RESOLUTION #2023-42

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET. SEQ. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et seq., permits the creation of a cooperative pricing system whereby two or more contracting units join together to form a joint purchasing and cooperating pricing system; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative was duly formed and created and has designated the Borough of Northvale as the Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative intends to solicit bids for the “2023 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program” project; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate of said goods and services is anticipated to exceed the current bid threshold and is therefore required to be bid under a formal process pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, as the Lead Agency, the Borough of Northvale is responsible for advertising for the receipt of bids for the 2023 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program.

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 Borough of Northvale does hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the 2023 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION #2023-43

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #236 – NORTHVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION – RAFFLE LICENSE – JULY 10, 2023

NAME: Northvale Volunteer Fire Association
ADDRESS: 204 Washington Street, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 204 Washington Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS: 7:00-8:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE: July 10, 2023
ID #: 353-9-29752
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #236

RESOLUTION #2023-44

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #239 – ST. ANTHONY’S CHURCH – CASINO NIGHT – APRIL 22, 2023

NAME: St. Anthony’s Church
ADDRESS: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS: 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM
DATE OF RAFFLE: April 22, 2023
ID #: 353-1-146
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #239

RESOLUTION #2023-45

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #240 – NORTHVALE PTO – ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE – APRIL 29, 2023

NAME: Northvale PTO

ADDRESS: 441 Tappan Road, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS: 7:30-10:30 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE: April 29, 2023
ID #: 353-5-37377
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #240

RESOLUTION #2023-46

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #241 – NORTHVALE PTO – ON PREMISE RAFFLE BASKETS – APRIL 29, 2023

NAME: Northvale PTO
ADDRESS: 441 Tappan Road, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS: 7:30-10:30 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE: April 29, 2023
ID #: 353-5-37377
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #241

RESOLUTION #2023-47

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Borough Attorney for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Bruno & Ferraro, Esqs. as Borough Attorney for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough Attorney for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Bruno & Ferraro, Esqs. at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Borough Attorney during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-48

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT/APPRaiser FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Real Estate Consultant/Appraiser for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Real Estate Consultant/Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Associated Appraisal Group as Real Estate Consultant/ Appraiser for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Real Estate Consultant/Appraiser for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Associated Appraisal Group at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Real Estate Consultant/Appraiser during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-49

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Borough Tax Appeal Attorney for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget to compensate said Borough Tax Appeal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Giblin and Gannaio Esqs, as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough Giblin & Gannaio, Esqs. for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney. at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Tax Appeal Attorney during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-50

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Borough Public Defender for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget to compensate said Borough Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Jordan D. Yuelys, Esq., as Borough Public Defender for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that Jordan D. Yuelys, Esq. for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Borough Public Defender at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Borough Public Defender during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-51

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Borough Engineer for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Neglia Group., as Borough Engineer for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough Engineer for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Neglia Group. at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Engineer during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-52

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Borough Planner for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Borough Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Neglia Group., as Borough Planner for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough Planner for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Neglia Group. at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Planner during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-53

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BONDING ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Bonding Attorney for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Bonding Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Rogut McCarthy LLC, as Bonding Attorney for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Bonding Attorney for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Rogut McCarthy LLC at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Bonding Attorney during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-54

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONALS SERVICES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER/LSRP FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Environmental Engineer/LSRP for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Environmental Engineer/LSRP; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Boswell Engineering as Environmental Engineer/LSRP for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Environmental Engineer/LSRP for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Boswell Engineering at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Environmental Engineer/LSRP during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-55

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Borough Prosecutor for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget to compensate said Borough Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Mark Fierro, Esq., as Borough Prosecutor for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that Mark Fierro, Esq. for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Borough Prosecutor. at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Borough Prosecutor during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-56

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A GRANTSWRITER FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of a Grantswriter for the year 2023 to provide services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Grantswriter; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Bruno Associates Inc., as Grantswriter for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough Grantswriter for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Bruno Associates Inc. at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Grantswriter during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-57

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A BOROUGH AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Borough of Northvale to engage the professional services of an Auditor for the year 2023 to provide non-contractual services for the proper operation of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and bond ordinance to compensate said Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the appointment for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having previously advertised for submissions in response to a Request for Qualification for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Wielkocz & Company, LLC as Auditor for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Auditor for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Wielkocz & Company, LLC at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position shall be commensurate with the services rendered by said Auditor during the year 2023 and shall be provided for in the salary and other expenses ordinances of the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the professional services agreement for this appointment attached as Exhibit "A".

RESOLUTION #2023-58

TITLE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE APPROPRIATION RESERVE FUND BUDGET FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,950

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40:4-59 permits the transfer of appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year from accounts showing unexpended balances to accounts in which commitments from 2022 may exceed the original budgeted appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached transfers are hereby authorized in the total amount of \$69,950.

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	ACCOUNT #	GROUP	FROM	TO
Administration S&W	2-01-20-100-101	SW	5,000	
Administration O&E	2-01-20-100-299	OE	950	
Construction S&W	2-01-22-195-100	SW	12,000	
Police Dept S&W	2-01-25-240-105	SW	22,000	
Ambulance Other	2-01-25-260-201	OE	13,000	
Sewer System Norwood	2-01-26-315-201	OE	11,000	
Social Security	2-01-26-472-201	OE	6,000	
Financial Administration	2-01-20-130-299	OE		800
Streets & Roads	2-01-26-290-299	OE		7,100
Solid Waste	2-01-26-305-201	OE		22,190
Building and Grounds	2-01-26-310-299	OE		1,810
Electricity	2-01-31-430-201	OE		3,525
Streets & Lights	2-01-31-435-201	OE		6,325
Gasoline	2-01-31-460-201	OE		6,000
Solid Waste-Disposal	2-01-32-465-201	OE		22,200
	Total		69,950	69,950

RESOLUTION #2023-59

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ARCARI + IOVINO FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR A CDBG FUNDED BOROUGH HALL – ADA COMPLIANT MAIN ENTRANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of an ADA code compliant main entrance for the Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, there is funding for this project through a Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Arcari +Iovino is familiar with the administration process for this grant and can provide the necessary architectural services; and

WHEREAS, Arcari + Iovino has submitted a proposal dated January 24, 2023 (attached) for their services for this project in the sum of \$8,000, which service and amount does not require competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds the proposal to be reasonable and suited for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Governing Body does accept the proposal by Arcari + Iovino and does hereby authorize the execution of an agreement by the Mayor and Borough Clerk with Arcari + Iovino for the services set forth herein.

Mayor McGuire feels that the professional services overall will be a cost savings. The two biggest contracts are the Attorney and Borough Engineer. We are doing something different this year with our Attorney working off of a flat fee instead of retainer. The prior Attorney showed a fee of \$75,000 but the bills at the end of the year would be \$95,000. The current Attorney's flat fee is \$90,000 with no limitation on how we can use them and how often we can use them. Employees can call them without a fear of running up a bill for the Borough. As for the Borough Engineer, in the past, we would pay lump sums for projects. Our current Engineer is a time and material cost. He has spoken to other communities that use this Engineer and they are happy with the costs and savings from Engineers they used in the past. The prior Tax Attorney had a cap of \$50,000, now the cap is \$25,000. Grants are a bit higher but we are looking to receive more grants. These are all one year contracts and we will see how they are going to work out. Resolution #2023-59 was a Community Development grant that was awarded the end of 2021. Mayor McGuire was not sure why nothing moved on this in 2022. The deadline is April 7th but we are trying for an extension. If we can get the project out to bid and started the County will be happy.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Hogan questioned Resolution #2023-47 which is the one year contract for the Borough Attorney. He further stated that this is nothing personal purely a financial position that he cannot support. He thinks we should try to do whatever we can to save as much money for the taxpayers. He continues that increasing the retainer an additional \$15,000, knowing we will see the Attorney once a month at a bare minimum he doesn't agree with. There is no need to be emailing or calling the Attorney at the rate you persevere. Also Resolution #2023-56, he hopes that the new grantswriter can obtain different grants.

Councilman Sokoloski said that Resolution #2023-59 was surprised that the Borough sat on the CD grant for the Borough Hall ADA doors. He is glad to hear the County will give an extension. He feels the proposal from Arcari + Iovino is a reasonable one. Scott spoke to the County on Monday and was told that the funds do not go away. They are in an account and if we do not hit the deadline, they will not pull funds from us. We need to be transparent with them and they will work with us.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Consent Agenda Resolutions only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain
Councilman Menafra	Yes		

Councilman Hogan voted No on Resolutions 2023-40, 2023-47, and 2023-56. He voted yes on all other Resolutions.

Mayor McGuire asked for a Motion and second for Resolution #2023-60. Motion made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

RESOLUTION #2023-60

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Current Fund Appropriations (2023)	\$108,298.73
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$632.72
General Capital Fund	\$60,658.11
Grant Fund	\$6,875.44
Animal Trust	\$229.20
Police DEA Trust	
Escrow Trust	\$17.10
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$1,430
Summer Recreation Trust	
TOTAL	\$178,141.30

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/or 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 purposes specified below during the course of the year:

Payroll – Salaries & Wages		
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	2-03-2023	\$138,952.21
Payroll- Salaries & Wages		
Health Benefits	Jan 2023	\$50,705.00
County Taxes		
County Open Space Tax		
Northvale Board OF Education		
Northern Valley Regional High School District		
TOTAL		\$367,798.51

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$462,059.76** and ratified respectively.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Abstain	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain

ORDINANCE – 2nd READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a Motion and Second for the second reading of Ordinance #1060-2023. Motion made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

ORDINANCE #1060-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT”

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale deems it in the best interest of the Borough to amend Chapter 46 of the Borough Code regarding the “Members” of the Public Works Department

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. § 46-2 Members of the Borough Code shall be amended and replaced with the following:

§ 46-2 **Members.**

The Department of Public Works shall consist of one Superintendent, and in the discretion of the Governing Body, there may be an Assistant Superintendent, foremen, and such other Department of Public Works employees as determined by the Governing Body. The Superintendent shall be designated by the Mayor and Council in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:87-30 and any subsequent amendments.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

Should any section, paragraph, clause of any other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Hogan stated that he is not supporting this Ordinance. DPW structure is set up with our budget in line. Mayor McGuire answered that was a fair assessment but it is up to the Council not to abuse these ordinances and he likes the flexibility to serve the public better.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1060-2023.

Edward Durfee, 215 Livingston Street – asked if there was a union for the public works employees. He also asked if the DPW needed a new Foreman or other employee, do they have to get union approval for any of the positions. Mr. Ferraro answered that we do not have to go to the union for hiring. A new person would have to be in the union. Mr. Ferraro will look at the contract.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	No	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the second reading of Ordinance #1061-2023. Motion made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

ORDINANCE #1061-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE TO BE ENTITLED “REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS AND RENTAL UNIT INSURANCE”

WHEREAS, P.L. 2022, c. 92 recently enacted by the New Jersey Legislature and signed by the Governor into law requires the owners of certain Businesses and rental units to maintain certain minimum liability insurance coverages; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid statute requires such owners to annually file certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverages with the municipality in which the Business is located;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1

There is hereby created Chapter 47 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Northvale entitled “REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS AND RENTAL UNIT INSURANCE.”

SECTION 1 BUSINESS INSURANCE REGISTRATION

§ 47-1 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this Chapter to comply with the requirements imposed upon the Borough by P.L. 2022, c. 92, which provides for the annual registration of Certificates of Insurance by Business owners and the owners of rental units located in the Borough.

§47-2 Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

BUSINESS

Shall mean any person offering and/or engaged in buying, selling, storing and/or transferring merchandise, goods, real property, personal property, moneys, services and/or other items who do so for a fee, price, retainer, commission, percentage and/or other means of compensation for the purpose, stated or otherwise, of realizing a profit or other gain.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Shall mean the certificate issued by the Municipal Clerk indicating compliance with the registration requirements of P.L. 2022, c. 92.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Shall mean the certificate of insurance form submitted by each Business.

MUNICIPALITY

Shall mean the Borough of Northvale

§47-3 Insurance Requirements.

- a. As required by the aforesaid statute and except as provided in subsection b. of this section, the owner of a Business or the owner of a rental unit or units shall maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of not less than \$500,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence. The provision of this section shall take effect on the 90th day next following enactment for all new policies issued on or after the 90th day following enactment and shall take effect on the 180th day next following enactment for all policies in force on the date of enactment that are renewed on or after the 180th day next following enactment of P.L. 2022, c. 92.
- b. The owner of a multifamily home which contains four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, shall maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of not less than \$300,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence. The provisions for this section shall take effect on the 180th day next following enactment and shall apply to policies issued or renewed on or after the 180th day following enactment of P.L. 2022, c. 92.

§47-4 **Registration Requirements; Certificate of Registration.**

The owner of a Business, the owner of a rental unit or units, and the owner of a multi-family home of four or fewer units, one of which is owner occupied, shall register annually by filing a copy of a Certificate of Insurance with the Municipal Clerk, demonstrating compliance with P.L. 2022, c. 92.

- a. The copy of the Certificate of Insurance shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk no later than thirty (30) days after the issuance or renewal of the policy or policies of insurance required to be maintained by said owner.
- b. The Municipal Clerk shall issue a Certificate of Registration to each owner who files a Certificate of Insurance demonstrating compliance with P.L. 2022, c. 92. and the required registration fee. A new Certificate of Registration shall be required annually for each calendar year.

§47-5 **Registering Two or More Businesses or Locations.**

- a. In the event that two (2) or more Businesses occupy the same location, the owner of each Business shall be required to submit a Certificate of Insurance for each such Business.
- b. In the event that the same owner conducts business at two (2) or more locations within the Municipality, a separate Certificate of Insurance shall be required for each location

§47-6 **Compliance with Applicable Laws and Ordinances.**

Issuance of a Certificate of Registration certificate by the Municipal Clerk does not evidence compliance with other applicable rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes of the Municipality, County and State of New Jersey, or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the activities of the certificate holder.

§47-7 **Registration Fee.**

The registration fee to be paid prior to issuance of each Certificate of Registration by the Municipal Clerk shall be the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

§ 47-8 Failure to Register, Penalties.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-2.b., the governing body of the Borough may collect, through a summary proceeding pursuant to the “Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,” P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), a fine of not less than \$500 but no more than \$5,000 against an owner who has failed to comply with the provisions of P.L. 2022, c. 92.:

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

Should any section, paragraph, clause of any other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Sokoloski asked how the Borough will enforce this. Mr. Ferraro answered that the State does not think of these things. Notices will be sent to the businesses.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1061-2023.

Edward Durfee, 215 Livingston Street – has a data processing business in town. He doesn’t serve anyone coming into his house. Does he need to have this insurance? Mr. Ferraro answered that this language was not created by us as it was from the State statute. The insurance is for any business which includes services. Every business has to submit a certificate of insurance showing the business is covered.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – reported the Preschool would like to thank the DPW for assistance with the heating and plumbing issues. On February 13th there will be a Valentine’s Day fundraiser at Cassie’s for the Preschool with 20% to benefit the Preschool. Ambulance Corps had 20 calls for the month of January. Their next meeting will be February 21st. On February 15th, Kevin Trainor and I are offering a CPR training class for recreation coaches. The class is for free except for the cost of books and course materials. There are 16 signed up so far. The Northvale Ambulance Corps, Norwood EMS, and the Mayor and Councils are exploring solutions to the staff issues and response issues. Volunteers are needed. In December, the Police had their first Coffee with a Cop event at Paris Baguette which was a huge success. Future events are being planned. For the month of January, there were 558 total events.

Councilman Menafra – reported the Fire Department had 29 calls for the month of January. Chief Smithson has been working with our grantwriter to get federal funds for firefighting equipment. They are targeting replacement of rescue truck and pick up truck. Fire Prevention performed 25 inspections and 12 reinspections for January. Northvale Board of Education had their Reorganization meeting on January 5th. John Briguglio was sworn in for a 3 year term. Mrs. Venditti was nominated and appointed as BOE President and Mrs. Cowley was nominated and appointed as BOE Vice President. They had a school holiday fund raiser for families in need and donations were made to 75 Bergen County families in the Norwood food pantry. Next regular meeting was held on January 26th. The Ryan’s story suicide prevention presentation was given by Mr. Halligan, the father of a suicide victim, to Grades 5-8 students on January 19th. Middle school exterior doors were replaced with smaller glass. On January 26th Korean family

association sponsored an international night. Next meeting is February 16th at 6:30 PM. Northern Valley Board of Education had their Reorganization meeting on January 5th. Joseph Saunier was sworn in as Northvale representative. Next regular meeting was held on Jan 23rd with the marching band receiving an award as did other student leadership and sports teams. The main issue of discussion was the entrance to the lower field which has been blocked off at the request of the Old Tappan council. Harrington Park residents used it as a drop off in the morning. Next meeting will be February 13th.

Councilman Argiro – reported Recreation basketball and indoor soccer are in full swing. There will be no playoffs at the elementary level for basketball. There has been inadequate gym time available. Mayor McGuire is looking into other options. Registration is open for baseball, softball, and adult softball. Opening day has not been decided on as yet. Library renovations are underway. Councilman Sokoloski is monitoring the renovations. Thank you to DPW for helping the Library. A new Director has been hired. Lauren Magielnicki from Rutherford area. She will start on March 6th.

Councilman Mattessich – reported he met with Briant and Billy at the DPW several times. They have been working on having a tree cut down on Livingston Street which is surrounded by large, high voltage wires. They have also been cleaning catch basins, painted the Building Department office, repaired manhole covers on Tappan Road, pothole repairs, and appliance pick ups. Leigh Meola from the Beautification Committee met with Briant and Billy to go over things to do at the parks to beautify the parks. Leigh would also like to beautify Paris Avenue or Livingston Street when you come into town. He met the Senior Director, Michelle Adoni and discussed the Senior Center activities. The Valentine's day party is set for next week. Maureen Felici and Jane Ratto have been very helpful to her. The transition has been pretty smooth. He also met with Augie from the Golden Age Club.

Councilman Hogan – reported the Building Department issued 8 permits and collected \$4,433 in fees for the month of January. The revenue is low, as per January, and will pick up when it gets warmer. Planning Board had their Reorganization meeting on January 4th. Charlie Amorosso was appointed the Chairman and Chief Eddie Giannotti appointed the Vice Chairman. Congratulations to Nicole Cowley who has been the Planning Board Secretary for a few years and congratulations to Julia Martino on becoming the new Planning Board Secretary. Gregg Paster was reappointed as Planning Board Attorney and Neglia Group has been appointed as Planning Board Engineer. Welcome to the new members, Michael Puppelo, Andy Gullestad, Chief Ostrow, and Mayor McGuire. The Mayor reappointed Wayne Degen and Ryan Moran. There was one application, 195 High Street, for an apartment that is grandfathered in. Mr. Guyt presented a letter from Mr. Perretti who lived there before 1965. The board directed the Attorney to draw up a Resolution which was passed at the January 18th meeting. At that meeting there was one application for 401 Paulding and 497 Tappan Road. The applicant was Kens Tree. He is looking to buy a piece of Mrs. Rossi's property. It will be kept as own unique piece and not combine with his property. It will be kept as buffer zone. Residents were against it at first but then heard stipulations the Planning Board put in. The application was approved. February 1 meeting was cancelled as was February 15th for lack of applications ready to be heard. Next meeting is March 1st at 7:30 PM. Insurance and risk manager Looking forward to working with Mayor Barsa who brings a wealth of knowledge in regards to municipal government. Spoke with Peter Perretti to get started on the Flood Committee get active and involved. Hopefully will get some volunteers. Congratulations to Councilman Sokoloski looking forward to working with him.

Councilman Sokoloski – had no report at this time.

Mayor McGuire – garbage and recycling bid closes on March 30th. The current contract was extended to April 30th. We have a four month extension from our previous contract. We are paying the new rates as of January 1st which are 41% higher than last year. The RFQ for IT services was due on Friday and would like to move on this swiftly. Since November into January, he has been doing informal surveys of borough employees and operations. We need updates across the board. We have a corporate network that runs off a 2008 Server which is unacceptable and needs to be fixed. Residents cannot pay taxes on line and cannot renew dog licenses and garage sale permits. We need to bring the Borough into 21st century. Our own employees cannot see paychecks online in a portal. They have to wait for a paper check. Boro hall employees do not have photo IDs. They use keys to go into doors, what if key is lost or

copied. Employees use paper time sheets. So many things need to be prioritized to bring into modern world, Physical infrastructure needs attention such as this building, police need attention as does DPW garage. He complimented the DPW on painting the building department which saved the town \$3,000. We were awarded a grant for a dog park at Veterans Park in December for \$26,000 which is a matching grant. We have until the end of 2024 to complete.

Congratulations to our finance team for rolling over from 2022 to 2023 which was done on February 1st and is 4-6 weeks ahead of previous years. We can now pay our bills. Joe Luppino, Nicole, and Suzanne did a great job getting this done. There is 24% increase in health benefits, 10% to pension, increase of \$340,000 garbage and recycling. We have \$500,000 in expenses that we didn't have last year. Joe Luppino will begin budget meetings next week. Our new QPA, Antoinette Kelly, will implement new purchasing guidelines. He is starting health and wellness campaign with funding from the county and state. It will be physical fitness, nutrition, mindfulness, mental health, etc. Kickoff will be March 18th at Hogan Park with a Mayor and Council walk in conjunction with Shoprite. At the February open mic night, which is the 4th Tuesday of the month, we will feature a proposed plan for the growing and manufacturing of cannabis in the industrial area. We are facing some budgetary challenges and infrastructure challenges going forward. This is perfectly legal and can generate revenue. We are looking for the public's input.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ferraro – closing on property on Scharer Avenue will be in the next couple of weeks. Police contract is being reviewed by Joe Luppino. We need to decide if we are moving forward with the Dog Park with matching funds and sign the contract. He is working on a current issue of entering into a contract with Cho Dae Church with Police providing overtime service and getting paid.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Lovitch – Paris Avenue/Livingston Street inspector has items to talk to the contractor about. Contractor will replace the 2 light posts. Borough Inspector did electrical inspection on January 21st. He will submit to O&R and it will take 2 weeks to start service. Working on 2023 Riverside Coop list of roads. New projects are Veterans Drive DOT funded grant, dog park, Senior Center door. The Architect will expedite plans and receive quotes in two weeks for the Borough Hall doors. Perry Street drainage is near completion. Reached out to Old Tappan Engineer. Currently, the pipe is 18" and they want to increase to 42". Sending letter tomorrow on impact to Northvale if Old Tappan cannot convert to our system.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments from the public, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting.

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and 2nd to go into Closed Session on a personnel matter. Motion made by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

Action may not be taken upon return to open session.

RESOLUTION #2023-61

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

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. 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.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

The Mayor and Council proceed into Closed session at 8:29 PM.

Mayor and Council return to open session at 8:41 PM with no action to be taken. Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Menafra to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston
Frances M. Weston
Municipal Clerk

Approved: March 8, 2023