### MINUTES

# Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:00 PM

### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Mayor Marana 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 THE FLAG & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Marana asked everyone to stand and join him in a salute to the flag led by Briant Bodrato. Mayor Marana asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering long time Mayor John Derienzo of Haworth who passed away last Thursday. He was a League of Municipalities Executive and Instructor, Regional Community Development Chairman, and a great resource for all Northern Valley Mayors.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Marana	Present	Councilman Hogan	Present
Councilman Argiro	Present	Councilman McGuire	Present
Councilman DeLisio	Present	Councilwoman McMorrow	Present
Councilman Devlin	Present		

# **Other Officials Present:**

Ms. Deena Rosendahl, Borough Attorney Ms. Marie Raffay, Borough Engineer Ms. Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

### APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the appointment of Luke D. Peretto, 509 Crest Drive, Northvale to the Northvale Junior Fire Department.

MOTION: Co	ouncilman DeLisio	SECOND:	Councilman A	Argiro
ROLL CALL				
Councilman Argin	ro Yes	Councilman H	logan	Yes
Councilman DeLi	sio Yes	Councilman M	<b>I</b> cGuire	Yes
Councilman Devl	in Yes	Councilwoman	n McMorrow	Yes

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of May 12, 2022 AND Closed Session Meeting of May 12, 2022

MOTION: Councilm	an Hogan	<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilman	DeLsio
ROLL CALL				
Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman 1	Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman 1	McGuire	Yes
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoma	an McMorrow	Yes

### MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

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 Colliers Engineering Fire Prevention Millenium Strategies Recreation Minutes Tax Collector

# **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 Marana asked for a motion and second to approve Resolutions #2022-93 through 2022-98. Motion was made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilwoman McMorrow.

### **RESOLUTION #2022-93**

# TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the following liquor license holders have paid the required fee to the Borough of Northvale for renewal of their licenses for the July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 term; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue liquor licenses as follows:

# **CLUB LICENSES**

LICENSEE NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER
Joseph A. Silva Post #366	190 Paris Avenue	0240-31-012-001
American Legion		
Northvale Fire Association	204 Washington Avenue	0240-31-013-001

# PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

LICENSEE NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER
Sun Ae Kim	176 Livingston Street	0240-44-001-005
Shop Rite Liquors of Hillsdale	246 Livingston Street	0240-44-006-006
t/a Shop Rite Liquors of		
Northvale		
Northvale Liquors	224 Livingston Street	0240-44-008-008
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### PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

LICENSEE NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER
Madeleine's Petit Paris	416 Tappan Road	0240-33-002-003
Cavan Cork Ltd.	201 Livingston Street	0240-33-005-004
t/a Brady's Fox Hunt Inn		
Northvale Diner, Inc.	247 Livingston Street	0240-33-010-006
3D Hospitality LLC	493 Tappan Road	0240-33-007-014
t/a Olar Noso		
Maxim Realty	273 Livingston Street	0240-33-009-004

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all licenses be effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to forward copies of this resolution to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Beverage Tax Division of the State of New Jersey.

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### **RESOLUTION #2022-94**

TITLE: APPROVE CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NOELEEN LLC T/A BIDDY O'MALLEY'S PUB – 191 PARIS AVENUE FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

**WHEREAS,** Noeleen LLC t/a Biddy O'Malley's Pub, 191 Paris Avenue, in the Borough of Northvale, has applied for renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License; and

**WHEREAS,** in January of 1988, a condition was placed upon said license with the consent of the license holder to the extent that the emergency fire door on the west side of the building was to be kept closed at all times and not opened except in case of an emergency and an alarm placed on said door, and that a letter be submitted yearly citing no objection to the liquor license from St. Anthony's Church; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Plenary Retail Consumption License of Noeleen LLC t/a Biddy O'Malley's Pub, License No. 0240-33-011-007, is hereby renewed for the time period effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to forward this resolution to the ABC of the State of New Jersey.

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### **RESOLUTION #2022-95**

TITLE: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE'S VETERANS DRIVE ROADWAY PROJECT

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2023-Veterans Drive Roadway Project Phase-00042** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Northvale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Northvale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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### **RESOLUTION # 2022-96**

# TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 POLICE FORD EXPLORER VEHICLE FOR THE NORTHVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT – STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-0139319DPP00311

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Northvale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Northvale intends to enter into a contract with Gentilini Ford of Woodbine, New Jersey, through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contract, for the purchase of a 2022 Police Ford Explorer vehicle.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Northvale authorize the purchase of a 2022 Police Ford Explorer vehicle pursuant to all conditions of the State contract at a base cost of \$39,405.88.

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# **RESOLUTION #2022-97**

### 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 (2021)	\$3,010.00
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$62,518.39
General Capital Fund	\$22,899.87
Grant Fund	\$575.73
Animal Trust	\$9.00
Police DEA Trust	\$29,428.50
Escrow Trust	\$5,632.65
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$5,071.15
Summer Recreation Trust	
TOTAL	\$129,145.29

**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	05-13-2022	\$153,497.91
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	05-27-2022	\$166,039.77
Health Benefits	May 2022	\$49,023.84
TOTAL		\$368,561.52

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$497,706.81** and ratified respectively

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### **RESOLUTION #2022-98**

# TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS DUE AUGUST 1, 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C. 72

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Northvale's 2022 Municipal Budget has not been adopted and the County of Bergen is unable to certify the Borough's current 2022 tax rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Borough's 2022 tax bills on a timely basis; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northvale Tax Collector in consultation with the Northvale Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification summarizing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the estimated tax levies for the 2022 calendar year;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey on this 8th day of June, 2022 as follows:

- 1. The Borough of Northvale Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the third installment of 2022 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54.4-66.3).
- 2. The estimated calendar year tax levy for 2022 is hereby calculated at \$26,405,019.24. The maximum amount that the Borough may utilize in the preparation of the 2022 estimated tax bills is 105% of the 2021 calendar year tax levy or \$27,520,752.54.
- 3. In accordance with New Jersey Statutes, the third installment of 2022 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10<sup>th</sup> or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

### OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

### Mayor Marana asked for a roll call vote for Resolutions 2022-93 through 2022-98.

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman McGuire	Yes
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes

### OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

**Tom Gannon, 207 Willow Avenue** – asked what the status is now with the ditch. The cleaning of the ditch began eight months ago. Mayor Marana explained we are getting an estimate from Hartman. DEP permits are required.

**Rob, 209 Willow Avenue** – last year with all the floods, he lost all his furniture and belongings. His wife gets very nervous every time it rains. Asked for a status on the flooding.

**Raymond Hulse, 209 Willow Avenue** – asked where we are at with the flooding problem. Also asked if anything had been submitted to the DEP. He also asked if the pond at Hogan Park can go deeper. He asked the Council to try to get this done soon.

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

**Council President DeLisio** - reported that the Northern Valley Greenway postponed their meeting until tomorrow. The DOT Municipal Aid grant application is due July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are still waiting for approval on grants that were submitted. Senator Menendez has selected Veterans Park Improvement Project as one of his Congressionally Directed Spending Requests. Senator Menendez, Senator Booker, and Congressman Gottheimer are backing this project. The project is for \$1,550,000 grant. The Police had 562 calls for the month of May. Mayor Marana thanked Lou for lobbying Josh strongly.

Councilman McGuire – reported that the Northvale school has a new principal, Nadine McGrath who has worked at the school as Special Ed and Dean of Students. Congratulations to Nadine. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip was a success. They went to Boston instead of Washington. Graduation is June 13<sup>th</sup> at the school at 6:30 PM. The school is interested in having some stormwater presentations in September or October. The next Board of Education meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. The Northern Valley High School prom is Friday. Their graduation is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to the varsity baseball team on winning the county championship against St. Joe's with a score of 9-7 and a big upset. The last day of school for the preschool is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Graduation will be the same day at 6:00 PM in front of the Borough Hall. Kate would like to thank Fran and the DPW for all the work they have done for her this year. The school is interested in having some stormwater presentations in September or October.

Councilman Argiro – reported that the Library issued 36 new cards. The Library will be having significant renovations soon. Thank you to Billy, Briant and the DPW for keeping the fields looking great. Thank you to Jordan Flavell-Boney, Vinnie Grillo, Nicole Cowley, and John Briguglio who are calling it quits as softball and baseball commissioners. It is time for fresh new blood to come in. Playoffs have started. Basketball starts this weekend.

**Councilman Hogan** – reported the Building Department issued 10 permits for the month of May and collected \$8,734. The year to date is \$60,832. There were also 29 inspections. The Planning Board meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> was cancelled as there were no applications ready. The June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting had two resolutions approved. Thank you to everyone for an excellent Memorial Day Parade.

Councilman Devlin – reported there are four new members at the Senior Center. He reported on the trip the Golden Age Club had and all the activities offered at the Senior Center. Peter Walsh invited the Seniors to his stables and provided them with lunch. Thank you to Julie for taking the Seniors to the parade. The Fire Association will be working on the new lease. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is June 25<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks will begin at 9:00-9:15 pm. The Fire Department had 14 emergency calls and 6 non emergency calls for the month of May. The DPW has been working on numerous jobs such as installing a flagpole at the Senior Center, hanging banners, manhole work on Livingston Street, stream cleanup and much more.

Councilwoman McMorrow – reported the Ambulance Corps had a meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. NVAC will be holding CPR class for the Fire Department on May 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be posting a rig at the Fire Department event on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There are two new members. There were 27 calls for the month of May. She met with Lou and the EMS Director and the Superintendent of Bergen Technical schools to discuss getting EMS into the school. NV Chamber of Commerce met on May 25th at the Senior Center with a pizza party. They will be holding a social/networking event for businesses in the area. They are working on their Town Day giveaways. They attended the Cinco de Mayo event that was held by the Pascack Valley Chamber of Commerce. We discussed joining the Inter Chamber Consortium. Board of Health meeting for June was cancelled and the next meeting will be in October.

**Mayor Marana** – reported that the Riverside Coop road work began on Monday. Projected end date is June 14<sup>th</sup> if there is no rain. Iris did a great job with the Memorial Day Parade. Jamie is working on the bid specs for the garbage contract. He will have something to discuss later this week. We have been working around the Auditor's schedule to have a budget meeting. The final budget meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup>, budget to be introduced on June 30th and adopted on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Marie will report on Clinton Avenue. We purchased a DPW truck last June and probably will not see if until November. After it is delivered, it will go right to Cliffside Body for three months. We need to purchase things a year in advance.

### **BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT**

**Ms. Raffay** – reported that the 2023 DOT grant application is due July 1<sup>st</sup> and Colliers has been working with Millenium on this. Paris Avenue/Livingston Streetscape is underway. CSX sent their comments on the Clinton Avenue project. They received the comments two days ago and are working on addressing CSX concerns. Riverside Coop paving has begun and should be done next week. Marie and Craig will be meeting with the Mayor on Friday at Veterans Park. They will take a look at the passive park and playground upgrades. Marie and Craig will be meeting with the Building Department on Friday to discuss process and procedures.

# **BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT**

**Ms. Rosendahl** – reported that she has updated the bylaws. The bylaws have been sent to the committee for their review. She will begin to start scheduling the Anti-Harassment Training which will be done in person. She has two other matters to discuss in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION – Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to go into Closed Session. Action will definitely be taken when we are back in open. Motion was made by Council President DeLisio and seconded by Councilwoman McMorrow.

Action may ⊠ not □ be taken upon return to open session

# **RESOLUTION #2022-99**

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.
$\boxtimes$	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.

# **ROLL CALL**

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman McGuire	Yes
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes

CLOSED SESSION - The Council went into Closed Session at 7:37 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - The Council returned to Open Session at 8:38 PM.

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second on Resolution #2022-100

# **RESOLUTION #2022-100**

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 153-A SCHARER AVENUE (BLOCK 1001, LOT 10), BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, BERGEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MOTION: Councilman DeLisio SECOND: Councilman Devlin

**WHEREAS**, the owner (the "Seller") of approximately 0.0574 acres of property commonly known and identified as 153-A Scharer Avenue and designated on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Northvale as Block 1001, Lot 10 (the "Property") has expressed interest in selling the Property to the Borough of Northvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale previously identified the Property as one that has been recommended for acquisition by the Borough of Northvale for public use as open space and, by Resolution 2021-210 adopted December 8, 2021, the Governing Body authorized the conducting of a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Property would be suitable for acquisition by the Borough of Northvale for use as open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale is now desirous of authorizing the execution by the Mayor of the Contract for Sale of Real Estate with the Seller providing for the acquisition of the Property from the Seller by the Borough of Northvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interests of the Borough of Northvale and its residents to enter into the Contract for Sale of Real Estate with Seller substantially in the form set forth in the attached Exhibit A, subject to any revisions thereto as are recommended by Borough Attorney Deena B. Rosendahl, Esq.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for Sale of Real Estate on behalf of the Borough of Northvale to acquire the property commonly known and identified as 153-A Scharer Avenue, and which is designated on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Northvale as Block 1001, Lot 10, substantially in the form set forth in attached Exhibit A, subject to any revisions thereto as are recommended by Borough Attorney Deena B. Rosendahl, Esq.
- 2. The Borough of Northvale staff and professionals shall be and each are hereby authorized to take any and all actions reasonable and necessary to fulfill the Borough of Northvale's obligations as set forth in the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to be executed on behalf of the Borough of Northvale as is now authorized and directed by this Resolution.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman McGuire	Yes
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. All were in favor to adjourn.

Patrick J. Marana Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

Frances M. Weston Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 13, 2022