

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, July 13, 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 Father Jerry. Mayor Marana asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering our troops at home and abroad.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote of the Council:

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

Mayor Marana states that Marie Raffay is at home quarantining but is present telephonically.

Other Officials Present:

Jaime Placek, Borough Attorney
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Marana presents Father Jerry with a Proclamation thanking him for his 20 years at St. Anthony’s Church. The Mayor and Council have declared July 14th as Father Jerry Day in Northvale.

Councilman Hogan presents Father Jerry with certificates from the County Clerk, Congressman Gottheimer, Sheriff, County Executive, County Board of Commissioners, Senate President and Senate Speaker.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mayor Marana states that the CFO has resigned effective August 31st. Resolution #2022-111 will be to appoint Joseph Luppino as the Part-time Assistant Finance Officer. The plan has been to have a 45 day overlap of the new and outgoing CFO’s. By statute, a municipality cannot have two CFO’s at the same time. Mr. Luppino will be appointed as the CFO effective September 1st at the August meeting. Mr. Luppino is the former Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for the County and has also served as the CFO in Closter. We would be lucky to have him. He will work as many hours/week as it takes to get the job done. He and his staff helped Northvale during the Cares Act period.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman McGuire states that this is a very important position and there should be more discussion about this. This is the first time the Council is seeing this. This should have gone to the Personnel Committee first and then brought to the Council to discuss. Councilman McGuire had two concerns. Since Mr. Luppino is the Vice President of Kearny Bank will he have the time for Northvale or will we be in the same position we are in now. Also, is this a conflict of interest since he works for Kearny Bank. Mayor Marana answers that Mr. Luppino has a lot of time for the Borough and that he is smart enough and experienced enough to avoid any

conflicts. Councilman Argiro understands Councilman McGuire's concerns. He says that this name was floated around last year to the Personnel Committee. He knows Mr. Luppino and he is a stand up guy and very credible. Mayor Marana highly recommended him. Mayor Marana states that he has known Mr. Luppino professionally when he worked at the County Clerk's office. He also dealt with him during the Cares Act period when he and his staff did a tremendous job in helping Northvale. Council President DeLisio states that he does not know him but if it doesn't work out in the month and a half that he will be here, then we can go in another direction. Councilman McGuire states that this discussion should have happened two weeks ago not tonight.

Mayor Marana asks for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2022-111. Motion made by Councilman Devlin, seconded by Council President DeLisio.

RESOLUTION #2022-111

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF THE POSITION OF PART-TIME ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER AND APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH LUPPINO AS PART-TIME ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has accepted the resignation of its Chief Financial Officer effective August 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist with the winding down of duties of the current Chief Financial Officer, it is necessary to create an interim position of Assistant Finance Officer, a part-time position; and

WHEREAS, the position of Assistant Finance Officer shall assist the Chief Financial Officer in carrying out the duties of the position of Chief Financial Officer pending the appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Luppino has the skills and work experience to hold said position including previously serving as the Bergen County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to authorize the creation of the position of Assistant Finance Officer and appoint Joseph Luppino as Assistant Finance Officer at the annual salary of Forty Thousand and 00/100ths (\$40,000.00) Dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Luppino is hereby appointed as the Part-Time Assistant Finance Officer effective July 14, 2022.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman McGuire	No
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoman McMorrow	No

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Marana asks for a Motion and Second to approve the Minutes from the Combined Meeting of June 8, 2022 AND Closed Session Meeting of June 8, 2022. Motion made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Hogan.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote of the Council:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bergen County 2022-2024 Snow Plowing Agreement
(Resolution #2022-113)
2. Colliers Engineering Letter dated July 8, 2022
RE: Veterans Drive NJDOT FY 2022 – NVB-0021Ap
(Resolution #2022-115)
3. Colliers Engineering Client Authorization Forms, dated June 30, 2022
RE: Veterans Park Passive Recreation Area and Expanded Butterfly Garden
NVB008p and Veterans Park Playground Improvements, NVB005Ap
(Resolution #2022-116)
4. Colliers Engineering Letter dated June 28, 2022
RE: 2022 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvements
Change Order NVB0025
(Resolution #2022-117)

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 on Consent Agenda #2022-112 through #2022-119. Motion made by Councilman Devlin, seconded by Councilwoman McMorrow.

RESOLUTION #2022-112

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR MARANA TO SIGN SNOW PLOWING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR 2022-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Marana is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned agreement.

MUNICIPAL PLOW

\$110.00/HOUR (ALL HOURS)

RESOLUTION #2022-113

TITLE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS-MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is currently engaged in a contract for Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract is due to expire and the Borough now seeks to prepare the necessary bid specifications and solicit bids for a new contract for trash and recycling pickup and disposal of the trash collected; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23 (a) requires publication of the advertisement for bids in the official local newspaper of the Borough of Northvale and in a newspaper of general circulation published in the State not less than 60 days in advance of the date fixed for the receipt of bids; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now seek to authorize the advertisement for solicitation of bids for solid waste and recycling pick up and disposal pursuant to governing laws and upon approval of the necessary bid specifications in a form and substance approved by the Borough Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the aforementioned contract, pursuant to governing laws, upon approval of bid specifications in a form and substance approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by statute, if any, upon adoption and execution hereof.

RESOLUTION #2022-114

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COLLIERS ENGINEERING – VETERANS DRIVE (PARIS AVENUE TO LEGRAND AVENUE) – NJDOT FY2022 – NVB-0021AP

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of the above mentioned services; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has prepared a scope of services per their letter dated July 8, 2022 as follows:

Construction Observation and Administration Services	\$25,750.00
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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds will be available not to exceed \$25,750.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor & Council hereby approve the Proposal for Professional Construction Observation & Administrative Service for Colliers Engineering & Design.

RESOLUTION #2022-115

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR MARANA TO SIGN THE CLIENT AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY COLLIERS ENGINEERING FOR VETERANS PARK PASSIVE RECREATION AREA AND EXPANDED BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND VETERANS PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of Construction Administrative Services for the Grant application for Veterans Park Passive Recreation Area and Expanded Butterfly Garden, NVB008p estimated budget of \$4,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is also in need of Construction Administrative Services for the Grant application for Veterans Park Playground Improvements, NVB005Ap, estimated budget of \$3,200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Marana is hereby authorized to sign the Client Authorization Form for both projects.

RESOLUTION #2022-116

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER FOR THE 2022 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council approved the payment of \$326,970.93 through Resolution #2022-87 for the paving of various roads in the Borough through the Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been advised that a change order is needed for the extra cost due to extra fuel and asphalt costs; and

WHEREAS, the change order is in the amount of \$8,248.91 which will revise the cost of the project to \$335,219.84.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the revised contract amount of \$335,219.84.

RESOLUTION #2022-117

TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to carry out a project to obtain essential PPE for the Fire Department.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Borough of Northvale does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and

also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Northvale and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Patrick J. Marana and Municipal Clerk Frances Weston are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION #2022-118

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, Section 40A:4-20 of the Revised Statutes of the Local Budget Act provides that, where any contract, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2022 budget, emergency temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Capital Improvement Fund \$67,000.00

RESOLUTION #2022-119

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)	\$942.50
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$487,356.71
General Capital Fund	\$375,651.00
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	\$5.40
Police DEA Trust	\$39,405.88
Escrow Trust	\$21,899.25
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$12,477.54
Summer Recreation Trust	\$4,072.31
TOTAL	\$941,810.59

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	06-10-2022	\$161,118.02
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	06-24-2022	\$164,379.31
Health Benefits	June 2022	\$53,968.22
County Taxes	Second Quarter 2022	\$615,085.00
School Taxes Local	April 2022	\$850,597.08
School Taxes Local	May 2022	\$850,597.08
School Taxes Local	June 2022	\$850,597.08
School Taxes Regional	April 2022	\$726,186.25
TOTAL		\$4,272,528.04

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

Mayor Marana asked for a roll call vote for Consent Agenda Resolutions 2022-112 through 2022-119.

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

Mayor Marana asks for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2022-120. Motion made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman DeLisio.

RESOLUTION #2022-120

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LOSAP QUALIFIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORPS

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps have notified the Municipal Clerk of the LOSAP Qualifiers for the year 2021 in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Administrator/Municipal Clerk is satisfied that the substantiated information has been provided;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the qualifiers for LOSAP for the year 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan Administrator/Municipal Clerk prepare the necessary paperwork and voucher in the amount of \$44,203.70.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	NAME	AMOUNT
1.	Charles J. Amorosso	960.95
2.	Charles S. Amorosso	960.95
3.	Gregory Amorosso	960.95
4.	Michael Bayer	960.95
5.	Ashley Bodrato	960.95
6.	Briant Bodrato	960.95
7.	Christopher Bodrato	960.95
8.	Karl Braun	960.95
9.	Peter Briscoe	960.95
10.	Alfred R. Brondi	960.95
11.	Vincent Carney	960.95
12.	Stephen Cooke	960.95
13.	Nicholas Criscuolo	960.95
14.	Wayne Degen	960.95

15.	Francis E. Devlin	960.95
16.	Frank Ferraro	960.95
17.	Scott Firenze	960.95
18.	Raymond Frosco	960.95
19.	Michael Gaggin	960.95
20.	Thomas Gannon	960.95
21.	Thomas Gaspari	960.95
22.	Edward Giannotti	960.95
23.	Gerard Marsh	960.95
24.	William McGuire	960.95
25.	Devin Modery	960.95
26.	Howard Ostrow	960.95
27.	Michael Pizzi	960.95
28.	Edward Rejmaniak	960.95
29.	Christian Renner	960.95
30.	William Sillery	960.95
31.	Christopher Smithson	960.95
32.	Gerard Smithson	960.95
33.	Gareth Thompson	960.95
34.	Anthony Ubl	960.95
35.	Edward Witkowski	960.95

AMBULANCE CORPS.

	NAME	AMOUNT
35.	Kara Armstrong(McMorrow)	960.95
36.	Daryl Cerbasi	960.95
37.	Abbey Fallon	960.95
38.	Zachary Hine	960.95
39.	James Ippolito	960.95
40.	Theo McDaniel	960.95
41.	Samantha McKinley	960.95
42.	Vincent St. Angelo	960.95
43.	Kevin M. Trainor Sr.	960.95
44.	Taylor Verdigi	960.95
45.	Joseph Visconi	960.95
	TOTAL	\$44,203.70

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Resolution #2022-120. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote for Resolution #2022-120.

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

ORDINANCES – 2nd Reading

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1054-2022. Motion made by Councilman DeLisio, seconded by Councilman McGuire.

ORDINANCE #1054-2022

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CY 2022 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that a 1.00 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$72,046.09 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Northvale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.00%, amounting to \$72,046.09, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Borough of Northvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE #1054-2022

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1054-2022. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote of Ordinance #1054-2022.

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

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1055-2022. Motion made by Councilman DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Argiro.

ORDINANCE #1055-2022

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURFACING OF VETERANS DRIVE (PHASE 1) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BOND

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized to resurface Veterans Drive (Phase 1) in, by and for the Borough. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$300,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the State grant appropriated by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of the Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$300,000, and (4) \$216,000 of said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$84,000, and (6) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$55,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$216,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$84,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$84,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law, and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of the Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$84,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated, which shall be applied to the cost of said purpose but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Borough intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE #1055-2022 ONLY

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1055-2022 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote of the Council:

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

ORDINANCES – 1ST Reading

**Mayor Marana asks for a motion and second on first reading of Ordinance #1056-2022.
Motion made by Councilman DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Devlin.**

ORDINANCE #1056-2022

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$227,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the County grant and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the County grant hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

- A. Undertaking of various improvements to Veterans Park.

B.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 62,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 22,650
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 37,475
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Acquisition of the following parcel of real property for use as a passive park: Block 1001, Lot 10, as designated on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough, and having a street address of 153-A Scharer Avenue.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 90,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,290
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 85,710
Period of Usefulness	40 years

C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment, including, but not limited to: Fire Department – self-contained breathing apparatus equipment, fire hose, pagers and swiftwater response equipment; and Volunteer Ambulance Corps. – pagers.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 75,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,185
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 70,815
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$227,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 22,650
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,350
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$194,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$18,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 6. The sum of \$22,650 received or to be received as a grant from the County of Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the Veterans Park improvements authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$10,350, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough or heretofore appropriated for down payments or for the capital improvement fund by an emergency temporary appropriation, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$10,350 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$194,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined

within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$194,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 22.39 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$194,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the County grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Marana asks for a roll call vote of the Council:

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 if there was an ordinance on growing and maintaining bamboo. There is no ordinance. The house next to him cut down and stacked bamboo along the property line. The DPW will pick up the bamboo if it is stacked at the curb. Also Mr. Gannon asked when will Willow Avenue be regraded and repaved.

Billy Guyt, 195 High Street – it is very difficult to chip bamboo since it clogs up the chipper. Thanks to Kim Devlin for giving a shout out to the DPW on Parents of Northvale facebook. It seems like Parents of Northvale is anti DPW. People are comparing our DPW with neighboring towns. He also asked about creating a webpage which we already have.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President DeLisio – reported that the Police have had a busy month. There were 556 total events for the month of June. The Junior Police Academy had 10 cadets. There were field trips and demonstrations. Thank you to Officer Charles Albanese who is the officer in charge. The Grantswriter is gathering information to submit for the fire grant award which awards up to \$75,000. There are also flood prevention grant opportunities. The Northern Valley Greenway had a virtual meeting on July 7th. Senators Menendez and Booker have included Veterans Park Improvement Project in their Congressional Community Project Funding. Both Senators have submitted numerous projects.

Councilwoman McMorrow – reported that both the Ambulance Corps. and Board of Health are on hiatus for the summer. Today was the first responder day at Camp Northvale at Veterans Park where a helicopter landed. Shout out to Kevin and Iris. The Board of Health will be sponsoring the Flu Clinic on October 1st at the Senior Center and Rabies Clinic on October 11th at the DPW garage. Northern Valley Chamber of Commerce had a meeting on June 22nd. They will be having a membership drive in the fall. How can they find out about any new businesses in the Borough. The next meeting for the Chamber of Commerce is July 27th.

Councilman Devlin – reported on the numerous jobs the DPW have been working on for the month of June. Golden Age Club had a trip in July. The Senior Center has been running well. Fire Department had their 125th Anniversary celebration. Everyone enjoyed it and everything was for free. Fire Department had 21 calls for the month of June. Tony Ubl sent a letter to the Mayor and Council which is read by Councilman Devlin. Mr. Ubl, as President of the Northvale Fire Association, thanked the DPW especially Daryl Cerbasi, Ben Gallo, Glenn Mattos, and Ed Rejmaniak. The park, as always, was in pristine condition, freshly mowed and trimmed. The DPW was eager to help with anything they needed or asked for which was amazing.

Councilman John Hogan – reported that the Building Department has been busy. There were 35 permits issued for the month of June. Total fees collected were \$58,874, bringing the year to date total \$119,706 vs. a 2022 budget of \$200,000. Planning Board had 2 meetings scheduled, June 15 and July 6, which were both cancelled as there were no applications ready to be heard. Next meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 7:30 PM. He was invited to the Women’s Club

Beefsteak being held on October 21st at 6:30 PM at St. Anthony's. The cost is \$55 for adults, \$10 for kids 10 and under. There will be a 50/50. It is also BYOB.

Councilman Argiro – reported that the Library has been saving up for a renovation with the guidance of former Councilman Roy Sokoloski. They went out to bid and bids were opened on June 29th. They received 14 bids. Kudos to Mary Grace who is doing a nice job. Baseball is over. Adult Softball is having playoffs next week as is basketball. Soccer registration will be in two weeks. Kudos to the DPW for having the parks look great.

Councilman McGuire – reported that both schools have been quiet. Preschool registration is full. He attended the Preschool graduation which was very successful. The staff did an excellent job. Northvale School will be having a referendum in October for renovations. The price tag is \$10MM.

Mayor Marana – attended a regional Community Development phone meeting on June 15th. He nominated Paul Hoelscher to replace John Dirienzo, who passed away, as the Chairman of the Northern Valley CD Regional Committee. He was elected. The Regional Committee recommended that we receive the \$66,125 grant that we requested for Senior Center barrier proof doors. The award date is September or October. It looks like we have ADA compliant front doors at the center but they are horrible. They start closing before a person using a walker or wheelchair can get through the door. Veterans Drive Phase 2 grant application has been submitted. Projected award date is the Fall, 2022. The Tax Assessor started inspections for 2022 added assessments. The new ratables are booming. Early guess is between \$10M-\$15M coming on line this year and next year. There are still new projects coming in. Discussed with Colliers about paving Clinton Avenue from Frances Lane to tracks now or wait. It was decided to pave now and it will have to be repaved after the work is done. No one wants to deal with CSX any more than we have to.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Ms. Raffay – reported on the grant applications. The 2023 DOT was submitted the end of June for the 2nd phase of Veterans Drive. The resolution must be submitted by the end of July. The bids for Veterans Drive Phase I will advertise in August. The 2019 and 2020 DOT Paris and Livingston Streetscape will be done by the end of July. Nothing new to report on Clinton Avenue. Riverside paving change order was approved tonight. Riverside Coop Emergency Sewer and Water Main Repair contract expires November 30th. The specs are being updated and should go out for bid in August with award in October.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Placek – had nothing to report at this time.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Karl Braun, 215 Washington Street – had a gripe about the DPW. When he walks his dog, there is a lot of garbage on the fields at Hogan Park. When the DPW mows the lawn, they run over cans and shred them. He also asked if they work until 3:30 every day because he sees them back at the yard at 2:00. Billy Guyt explained that they do pick up the garbage before they mow. They come back to the garage around 3:00 to put the equipment away.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. All were in favor to adjourn.

Patrick J. Marana

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 28, 2022

