**M I N U T E S**

**Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Marana called the Special 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 Acts Notice into the record as follows:

*“This is a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale. The date, time and location of this meeting 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.”*

**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**: Deena Rosendahl, Borough Attorney, Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

**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”*

**MOTION: Councilman Hogan SECOND: Councilman Argiro**

**RESOLUTION #2022-29**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR 2021 OPEN SPACE VETERANS PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: EQUIPMENT, BENCHES, AND TABLES**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has applied for and been approved to receive a Grant from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund (the “Grant”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Northvale has been presented with a contract by the County llllllof Bergen (the “Contract’) for the purpose of using a $22,650.00 matching grant award from the 2021 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Veterans Park Improvements located in Block 801, Lot 19 on the tax maps of the Borough of Northvale; and

**WHEREAS,** in general the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty(50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award’s unexpended balance, should there be a balance; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Borough to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Patrick Marana to be a signatory to the aforesaid contract and to execute the Contract.

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**RESOLUTION #2022-30**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP AS THE BOROUGH’S REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT/APPRAISER**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Northvale requires the services of a Real Estate Consultant/ Appraiser for the year 2022 as required by law and is authorized to retain such professionals without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Clerk readvertised for Request for Professionals for a Real Estate Consultant/Appraiser and received the RFQ from Associated Appraisal Group only.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council appoint Associated Appraisal Group for a one year term ending on December 31, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby direct the Borough Attorney to prepare a Professional Service Agreement for execution and delivery to Associated Appraisal Group.

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**RESOLUTION #2022-31**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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| Current Fund Appropriations (2021) | $61,617.71 |
| General Capital Fund | $39,811.95 |
| Grant Fund | $1,475.15 |
| Animal Trust |  |
| Police DEA Trust |  |
| Escrow Trust | $18,201.55 |
| Recreation Trust | $2,422.15 |
| Summer Recreation Trust |  |
| **TOTAL** | **$123,528.51** |

**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 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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **$123,528.51** and ratified respectively

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Argiro Yes Councilman Hogan Yes

Councilman DeLisio Yes Councilman McGuire Yes

Councilman Devlin Yes Councilwoman McMorrow Yes

**CLOSED SESSION**

***Action may***  ***not***  ***be taken upon return to open session.***

**RESOLUTION #2022-32**

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

**MOTION: Councilman Hogan SECOND: Councilman DeLisio**

**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.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Argiro Yes Councilman Hogan Yes

Councilman DeLisio Yes Councilman McGuire Yes

Councilman Devlin Yes Councilwoman McMorrow Yes

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 7:34 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 PM**

**MOTION: Councilman Argiro SECOND: Councilman Hogan**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Argiro Yes Councilman Hogan Yes

Councilman DeLisio Yes Councilman McGuire Yes

Councilman Devlin Yes Councilwoman McMorrow Yes

Patrick J. Marana

Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 9, 2022