

MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, October 18, 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 Chief Ostrow. Mayor Marana asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering all of our troops.

ROLL CALL

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

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Marana read a certificate of recognition for Chloe Kwon who is a member of the Holy Angels JV Dance Team. She received the Pin it Forward award for her passion for dance and outstanding work ethic. Chloe was unable to attend tonight’s meeting so Ms. Weston will mail the certificate to her.

APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mayor Marana asks for a motion and second to approve the appointment of Brian Park of 176 Winthrop Street, Northvale to the Northvale Junior Fire Department. Motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Council President DeLisio.

Mayor Marana asked 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the Combined Meeting of September 14, 2022 AND Closed Session Meeting of September 14, 2022. Motion was made by Councilman Argiro, seconded by Council President DeLisio.

Mayor Marana asked 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

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 28, 2022 AND Closed Session Meeting of September 28, 2022.
Motion was made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilwoman McMorrow.

Mayor Marana asked 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. Colliers Engineering & Design Letter dated October 13, 2022
Re: Recommendation of Award-2022 Riverside Cooperative
Emergency Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs
NVB-0031P
(Resolution #2022-151)

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 Consent Agenda Resolutions #2022-150 through 2022-153. Motion made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Argiro.

RESOLUTION #2022-150

TITLE: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE LIVINGSTON ST. STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LTPF-2021-Livingston St. Streetscape Improve-00022 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Northvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-151

TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR 2022 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE (NO. RC-35-22-02) EMERGENCY WATER MAIN AND/OR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS PROJECT NO. NVB-0031P

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale, upon advertisement and pursuant to specifications, solicited bid proposals for the 2022 Riverside Cooperative (No, RC-35-22-02) Emergency Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project No. NVB-0031P (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of labor, supervision and equipment to be used for the repair or maintenance of portions of the water distribution system and/or storm and sanitary sewer systems and all other improvements described in the documents; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bid proposals were received from ConQuest Construction Inc., J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc., Montana Construction and Colonnelli Brothers Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid is ConQuest Construction, Inc. 450 S. River St, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 with a total bid proposal price of \$137,716.00; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the foregoing, the Borough Engineer has recommended the contract for the Project be awarded to ConQuest Construction, Inc. as the lowest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the bid proposal submitted by ConQuest Construction, Inc.. in the amount of Base Bid of \$137,716.00 shall be and is hereby accepted and the contract for the Project shall be awarded to ConQuest Construction, Inc.

RESOLUTION #2022-152

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JANE RATTO AS PART TIME SENIOR CENTER EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of hiring a Part Time Senior Center employee; and

WHEREAS, Jane Ratto has the requisite skills and experience to hold the position of Part Time Senior Center employee; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Northvale to appoint Jane Ratto as Part Time Senior center employee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby appoint Jane Ratto to the position of Part Time Senior Center employee at \$13.00/hour for 10 hours/week effective October 18, 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-153

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEIL DILORENZO AS PART TIME SENIOR CENTER VAN DRIVER

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of hiring a Part Time Senior Center employee; and

WHEREAS, Neil DiLorenzo has the requisite skills and experience to hold the position of Part Time Senior Center Van Driver; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Northvale to appoint Neil DiLorenzo as Part Time Senior Center Van Driver.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby appoint Neil DiLorenzo to the position of Part Time Senior Center Van Driver at \$18.00/hour for 12 hours/week effective October 25, 2022.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on 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 of the Council:

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

RESOLUTION #2022-154

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2022-154. Motion made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilwoman McMorrow.

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

Current Fund Appropriations (2021)	
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$385,818.45
General Capital Fund	\$371,978.58
Grant Fund	400.25
Animal Trust	\$1.20
Police DEA Trust	
Escrow Trust	\$6,127.50
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$5,709.46
Summer Recreation Trust	
TOTAL	\$770,035.44

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	09-28-2022	\$151,673.31
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	09-16-2022	\$152,763.30
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	09-02-2022	\$139,124.78
Health Benefits	July 2022	\$53,680.21
County Taxes		0
County Open Space Tax		
Payoff of Bond Anticipation Note Principal & Interest		\$224,163.94
TOTAL		\$1,491,440.98

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$1,491,440.98** and ratified respectively.

ON THE QUESTION – Mayor Marana points out that the leaf unit on the bills list has been delivered in time for leaf season.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Resolution #2022-154 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Marana asked 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

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on any topic. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President DeLisio – as reported by Chief Ostrow, there were a couple of arrests during the month of September. Accommodation due to Detective Sergeant Berghuys and Detective Albanese for their outstanding work on identifying the suspect within 48 hours on a weapon charge at The Rockleigh. There were 502 police calls for the month of September. There are a few pending grants that we should hear a decision on in the fall. They are: PPE , Turnout Gear, Hoses, SCBA Bottles for \$51,152, Veterans Drive Roadway Project Phase II DOT for \$551,737, Bergen County Open Space Grant for \$22,597, Fiscal year 2023 Congressional Appropriations Community Project funding endorsed by Senators Booker and Menendez for Veterans Park improvements for \$1,550,000, Bergen County Hands Free ADA Compliant Senior Center entryway doors for \$66,125. Northern Valley Greenway had a virtual meeting on October 6th. Congressman Gottheimer has endorsed this project and Senator Menendez requested it be one of the projects he would like to see approved for the state of New Jersey.

Councilman Argiro – reported that Rec soccer is in full swing. Thanks all the parents, coaches, and volunteers. Indoor soccer and basketball registrations are opened. They close out on November 13th. The big renovation at the Library has hit a snag or two. They are in the process of remedying the snags and hopefully will begin in early November. The Friends of the Library will have the Best in Show Dog Costume Contest this Saturday at Hogan Park at 1:00 PM.

Councilman Devlin – reported that the Senior Center is good with a lot of new members. Golden Age Club went on a trip in October. The DPW is getting ready for leaf season. They have 1 new unit, 1 unit that is 5 years old, 1 small unit for dead end streets and 1 unit 25 years old for back up. They installed new cabinets and counter tops in the Police station. They prepped the salters for winter. The gas pumps are getting fixed. The streams have been checked after the heavy storm. They repaired two sewers on Clinton Avenue in preparation of the paving. Chipper broke down and is in for repairs. There were two major sewer back ups, one on LeGrand and Veterans Drive and one on Livingston Street. The Fire Department had 16 calls for the month of September. O & R adjusted the light in front of the building and adjusted the flag pole light since the neighbors had been complaining. Working with Pat and Deena on fire house lease. Mayor Marana added that the DPW repaired a third catchbasin on Clinton Avenue. DPW did a great job with the sewer backups. Our sewer jet is in the shop for repairs. Norwood brought theirs but then the line broke so Closter came with theirs.

Councilman Hogan – reported that the Building Department issued 21 permits for the month of September and collected \$27,681 in fees. The year to date is \$181,855. We budgeted \$200,000 for the year so we should go over that, which is a good sign. Planning/Zoning Board had 2 meetings. On September 21st, 182 Scharer Avenue was granted a D3 variance. Mayor Marana and Councilman Hogan could not vote on this application since it was a D variance. At the October 5th meeting, 179 Paris Avenue application for an addition was denied. The meeting for tomorrow has been cancelled due to lack of applications ready to be heard. Next meeting is November 2nd. He wished everyone luck in the upcoming election. Hopes everyone votes and we have a smooth, uneventful election day in Northvale.

Councilman McGuire – reported that the Northvale school referendum was approved with a vote of 320-244. The referendum passed by a margin of 76 votes. There were 564 voters that came out which is about 16% of registered voters. We have about 3,500 registered voters. Next step for the School will be to prepare and issue bids. They will then select contractors and work will begin next summer. Will take a couple of years to complete the projects since a lot of them cannot be done during the school year and will have to be done in the summer. Everything is running well with the Preschool. They have full attendance. The Fire Department will be visiting them on October 25th. The kids will be trick or treating on October 31st at the Senior Center, Borough Hall and Police Department. There is one seat up in the Board of Education at the high school. There are two candidates on the ballot. Two roofing projects were done at Demarest and Old Tappan over the summer. It was less money and they received a credit. A new Golden Knight was donated to the Old Tappan high school.

Councilwoman McMorrow – reported that the Chamber of Commerce had a meeting on September 28th. They will be holding a network event, Chillin' & Chili, at Stokes Farm on November 26th. The Board of Health meeting was cancelled for October. It was rescheduled for November 3rd at 7:30 PM. Ambulance Corps had a meeting on September 13. Congratulations to Derek Liang passing his EMT exam. They participated in Movie Night and NVOT Varsity football game. Next meeting is October 24th. There were 20 calls for the month of September.

Mayor Marana – reported that the 2022 added assessments have been completed. Total new ratables are about \$4.2 million. Prorated this year are \$2.8MM. Tax bills due by Nov 1 totalling for \$84,337 have been mailed. New ratables in construction is through the roof. Construction is very strong. The County and Library receive a small portion of the \$84,000. Northvale Greens new units did not make the cut this year. In 2023 the new ratables should generate more than \$125,000. Veterans Day ceremony will be November 11th at 11:00 am in front of Borough Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served in the Senior Center. Veterans Drive concrete work started this morning, rough cut estimate is 5 days for the concrete, followed by milling and paving. Clinton Avenue repaving preliminary tasks are all done. Colliers did the markoffs. DPW repaired the catchbasins. National Water Main Cleaning is inspecting the sewer lines for the past two days and should be done this afternoon. They also did some additional work on Johned Road.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Ms. Raffay – reported that we should be hearing about the Veterans Drive and Legrand Avenue grant in a few weeks. Paris and Livingston Streetscape light poles were delivered to the parking lot at Borough Hall. Zuccaro is scheduling installation. It was a good idea to put the sewer inspections into the contract for Clinton Avenue. There is a Riverside Coop meeting this Thursday. As the lead agency, the resolution was approved tonight to award the Emergency Sewer and Water Main Repair contract. It is a 2 year contract with an option to renew for an additional year. The two open space projects for Veteran’s Park landscape enhancements and playground equipment - we are working with the state contractor to get the supplies for the installation of that equipment out there. Hogan Park walkway is completed. The Tax Assessor has reviewed the tax map update and gave his comments. It has been submitted to the State.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Rosendahl – has a few items for closed session.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Marana opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Marana closed the meeting to the public.

CLOSED SESSION – Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to go into Closed Session. Action may be taken when we are back in open. Motion was made by Council President DeLisio and seconded by Councilman McGuire. All were in favor.

Action may not be taken upon return to open session.

RESOLUTION #2022-155

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.

CLOSED SESSION – The Council went into Closed Session at 7:31 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Council returned to Open Session at 8:46 PM. No action will be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Argiro to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. All were in favor to adjourn.

Patrick J. Marana

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: November 16, 2022

