

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

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

**Mayor McGuire read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice into the record as follows:**

*“This is a Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale. The date, time and location of this meeting have been advertised in the official Newspaper of the Borough, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled. Please note the fire exits as required by law at public meetings.”*

**SALUTE TO FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor McGuire asked everyone to stand and join him in a salute to the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering Frances Luppino, the mother of our CFO Joe Luppino, who passed away last week.

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:**

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

**Other Officials Present:**

Ken Ralph, Borough Attorney  
Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer  
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

Mayor McGuire informs the Council that Councilman Argiro’s company is up for the Best of Bergen Award and we wish him luck.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of February 8, 2023 and Closed Session Meeting of February 8, 2023. Motion was made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

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

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

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 23, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

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

Councilman Argiro	Absent	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	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  
Engineer – Neglia Group  
Fire Prevention  
Grantswriter - Bruno Associates  
Recreation Minutes  
Tax Collector

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Paris Square HOA Letter dated February 2, 2023  
Municipal Services Reimbursement Request  
(Resolution #2023-67)
2. County Open Space Grant Contract  
Veterans Park Dog Park - \$22,597  
(Resolution #2023-68)
3. Scott Loverich, Neglia Letter dated March 6, 2023  
Recommendation of Contract Award  
Borough Hall Entry Doors Grant (Resolution #2023-70)
4. Memorandum of Agreement-Chodae Church and School  
(Resolution #2023-71)
5. Northvale PBA Local 233 Agreement  
(Resolution #2023-72)

**RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda –**

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

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions #2023-65 through 2023-74. Motion made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Council President McMorrow.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-65**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, funds to pay said professional persons are available by way of budget and to compensate said Risk Management Consultant; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate Barsa Insurance Agency as Risk Management Consultant for 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Risk Management Consultant for the year 2023 is hereby designated as Barsa Insurance Agency at rates as set forth in the professional services agreement attached as Exhibit “A”; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for this appointment.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-66**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF AN IT CONSULTANT FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, funds to pay for said service are available by way of budget and to compensate said IT Consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires **that** a resolution authorizing the appointment for these services must be publicly advertised; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has reviewed all submissions received and determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to designate DART Computer Services Inc. as Borough IT Consultant for 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough IT Consultant for the year 2023 is hereby designated as DART Computer Services Inc. at rates as set forth in the agreement attached as Exhibit “A”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to enter into the services agreement for this appointment.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-67**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFER TO RESOLVE CLAIM FOR 2022 SERVICES AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT BY PARIS SQUARE HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, on September 6, 2006, the Northvale Planning Board/Zoning Board (the “Board”) adopted Resolution 06-13, granting approval to Rio Vista Homes at Northvale, LLC (“Rio Vista” or “Developer”) to construct an 88 unit multi-family development called Rio Vista on the subject lots. Since 2006, nine (9) resolutions involving the Subject Property have been adopted, all of which are incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, dominion and control of the said housing development was transferred from the Developer, to a private homeowners association, known and referred to as the Paris Square Homeowners’ Association, Inc., (hereinafter 'Paris Square' or 'Association') or a similar name; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough previously resolved, on September 28, 2022, to reimburse the Association pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.3, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and the Association executed a settlement agreement on or about November 10, 2022 authorizing payment for services from 2014 through 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association has requested reimbursement for the identical services for calendar 2022, and the borough now seeks to authorize payment based upon similar cost structure, adjusted for the number of households receiving such services in 2022; and



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

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**RESOLUTION #2023-69**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CHARLES J. AMOROSSO FROM THE NORTHVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Charles J. Amorosso has submitted a formal letter of resignation dated February 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale acknowledges receipt of said letter of resignation,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough of Northvale hereby accepts the resignation of Charles J. Amorosso from the Northvale Police Department.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-70**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LOWEST BID FOR BOROUGH HALL ENTRY DOORS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale has solicited bids for a contract award for ADA Compliant Borough Hall entry doors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale received four bids as follows:

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| <b>1. Innovational Construction &amp; Design, Inc.,</b> | <b>\$20,500.00</b> |
| <b>2. VMF Construction</b>                              | <b>\$24,500.00</b> |
| <b>3. BGD Contracting LLC</b>                           | <b>\$38,000.00</b> |
| <b>4. R.J. Michaels &amp; Co., Inc.</b>                 | <b>\$47,200.00</b> |

**WHEREAS**, the Bids were submitted pursuant to a solicitation package prepared by Acari + Iovino Architects dated February 17, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsive bid is below the amount of the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$28,000.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough of Northvale hereby accepts the lowest bid from Innovational Construction and Design Inc., in the sum of \$20,500.00 and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract for said purpose in the form substantially in conformance with the proposed contract.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-71**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO CHODAE COMMUNITY CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Chodae Church and School have requested that the Boroughs of Norwood and Northvale provide police security at its property at 100 Rockland Avenue, Norwood, New Jersey and 150 Railroad Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale Police Chief has reviewed the proposal and recommends acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough agrees that it is in its best interests to enter into this memorandum of agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a memorandum of agreement in substantially the same form as set forth.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-72**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITH NORTHVALE PBA LOCAL NO. 233**

**WHEREAS**, Borough of Northvale and the Northvale PBA Local 233 have negotiated a new five year Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement represents the culmination of those negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale believes the Agreement is fair and reasonable and is in the best interests of the Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-73**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0240-33-009-003**

**WHEREAS**, Plenary Retail Consumption License #0240-33-009-003 for Maxim Enterprises, LLC was approved on Resolution #2021-102 on June 9, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the licensee must petition a 12.39 release from the State for 2022/2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Plenary Retail Consumption License #0240-33-009-003 has been rescinded for the year 2022/2023.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-74**

**TITLE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE APPROPRIATION RESERVE FUND BUDGET FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the attached transfers are hereby authorized in the total amount of \$41,000.

<b>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>Administration O&amp;E</b>	<b>2-01-20-100-299</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>12,000</b>	
<b>Tax Collection O&amp;E</b>	<b>2-01-20-150-299</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
<b>Planning Board O&amp;E</b>	<b>2-01-21-180-299</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>2,500</b>	

<b>Police O&amp;E</b>	<b>2-01-25-240-299</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
<b>Sewer System Norwood</b>	<b>2-01-26-315-201</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>1,000</b>	
<b>Street &amp; Roads Salaries</b>	<b>2-01-26-290-102</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>18,000</b>	
<b>Legal Services O&amp;E</b>	<b>2-01-20-155-201</b>	<b>OE</b>	<b>3,000</b>	
<b>Streets &amp; Roads Compost Site</b>	<b>2-01-26-290-209</b>	<b>OE</b>		<b>30,250</b>
<b>Building and Grounds</b>	<b>2-01-26-310-299</b>	<b>OE</b>		<b>10,750</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>41,000</b>	<b>41,000</b>

**ON THE QUESTION** – Councilman Hogan would like the record to show in reference to Resolution #2023-65 that he has been the Risk Management Council liaison for 2021, 2022 and now 2023 and he does not understand how we can go from Otterstedt, that never caused an issue before and have had no problems with. He does not agree with awarding the contract to a vendor that does not have any municipal experience.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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

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

Councilman Argiro	Absent	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes
Councilman Menafr	Yes		

Councilman Hogan voted No on Resolutions 2023-65. He voted yes on Resolutions #2023-66 through 2023-74.

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**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2023-75. Motion was made by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-75**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

Current Fund Appropriations (2023)	\$19,833.93
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$160,203.86
General Capital Fund	\$33,253.53
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	\$111.60
Police DEA Trust	\$2,766.00
Escrow Trust	\$9,297.50
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$1,755.00
Summer Recreation Trust	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$227,221.42</b>

**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		
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Health Benefits		
County Taxes		
Purchase of Borough Property- 153A Scharer	2-18-2023	\$82,114.43
Northvale Board OF Education		
Northern Valley Regional High School District		
Amboy Bank- Bond Interest		
Capital Fund- Principal Payment on Notes		
Amboy Bank- Repayment of Bond Anticipation Note		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$447,481.28</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$447,481.28** and ratified respectively.

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

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

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**ORDINANCE – 1st READING**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the first reading of Ordinance #1062-2023. Motion was made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.**

**ORDINANCE #1062-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT AND FIX THE SALARIES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Salary Ordinance of the Borough of Northvale is hereby amended with regard to the Positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works effective immediately as follows:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

SUPERINTENDENT: The starting base salary of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works shall be \$134,100.00 and there shall be no CDL stipend.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: The starting base salary of the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works shall be \$129,100.00 and there shall be no CDL stipend.

**Section 2.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication according to law.

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

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

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council President McMorrow** – the Preschool would like to thank everyone that supported their Cassies’ fundraiser. The Ambulance Corps. had one junior member join, one member in EMT school, and one full fledged EMT, hopefully moving to staff. NVAC sponsored a CPR class for the recreation department and they covered the cost for the entire class. There were 13 people that attended. Thank you to the Senior Center for letting them use the facility. The EMT shared service meeting has been postponed. The next Ambulance Corps. meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 25 calls for the month of February. Police had 558 calls for the month of February. Two new Ford Explorers were delivered to the Police Department last week.

**Councilman Menafra** – the Fire Department had 35 calls for the month of February. Fire Prevention performed 29 inspections and 2 reinspections. Municipal Alliance purchased books for the Library. Community leaders will be doing readings for the children. The alliance also has a 2 part series program scheduled for the Senior Center titled Generation RX. They are also working with the Chief to bring in more programs. The Northvale Board of Education had a meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> with a budget presentation by Mr. Lerch. There was \$3.4MM left at the end of last school year, \$637K excess surplus to be used for 2023/2024 school year, and received \$665,000 from the American Rescue Plan money to use for any legal purposes. The take away from Mr. Lerch’s presentation was that the school is in pretty good financial shape. Principal McGrath spoke about a fall 2022 start strong assessment program administered to students in grades 4-8 in English, Language Arts, Math and Science. Key take away was that in English, Language Arts students need less support. The numbers are not as strong in math and science. More than 60% need support in math and more than 50% need support in science. Mr. Turco noted a \$400,000 increase in health care costs this year. Mr. Pinajian noted a general shortage of substitutes. The next meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup>. Northern Valley Regional High School had a meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Genesis on line grading system was turned off during the day as the students were using their phones all day and parents were checking genesis and then texting their kids. Black History month celebration was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Holocaust

Remembrance will be March 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a technology presentation on canvas program. A new boys volleyball program has been added this year. Budget crisis was alluded to. Busing and transportation increase of 72% as well as increase to health care. The lower field entrance opens 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school to allow drop off and pick up. The next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilman Mattessich** – the DPW has been cleaning catchbasins, pothole repairs, Hogan Park clean up for the Mayor’s health walk, chipping, brush done weekly, move the digital signs throughout the town, sewer maintenance done continuously, repaired Library book return., sink overflow at the Preschool. Mrs. Mattessich is now on the beautification committee. They will be doing fundraising. The Senior Center will be having their St. Patrick’s Day party on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Golden Age Club has many trips planned. Their March 16<sup>th</sup> trip is to a Staten Island catering hall.

**Councilman Hogan** – Building Department issued 18 permits for the month of February and collected \$16,793. They are back on track after a slow January. The Planning Board meeting scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to lack of applications ready to be heard. He was on vacation and could not attend the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled due to lack of applications ready to be heard. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. He is looking forward to working with Mayor Barsa and saving the town money. Spoke with former Mayor Perter Perretti and will be trying to get volunteers for the flood committee.

Mayor McGuire attended the March 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Board meeting. The application was for 140 Legrand Avenue. They will be restriping and relocating parking spaces. The application was approved.

**Councilman Sokoloski** – the next Board of Health meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> where he will bring up discussion on reintroducing the chicken ordinance in town. The Court reported that they are one of 9 municipal courts that have exceeded both State and County backlog goals for three consecutive months. Roger has made a full recovery and has been back on the bench since February. They will be starting live sessions. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> there were 67 new cases, 47 were disposed, 79 still pending. Nothing to report on the Chamber of Commerce. Northern Valley Greenway’s next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> and he will be unable to attend since it is the same night as the Board of Health meeting. He is pleased we were able to save the Borough Hall ADA doors grant. Thank you to Scott and the Architect. He reviewed the bids and concurred with what Scott recommended. Fire Department is working with our grantwriter on the FEMA 22 fiscal grant. The deadline is the end of the month. There is an open space grant due and we are looking to see if it could be used for Hogan Park fencing and community garden.

**Mayor McGuire** – Building Department numbers are tracking ahead of 2022 but behind 2021. Some residents asked about lifting the prohibition of chickens. Budget meetings have been delayed since the CFO’s mother passed away. CFO will reschedule meetings next week. The Mayor’s Wellness Campaign is March 18<sup>th</sup> with a walk at Hogan Park with the Mayor and Council. The Shoprite dietician, Hackensack Meridian Health, and Ambulance Corps. will be attending. On April 1<sup>st</sup> the Borough will have the Egg-stravaganza. Credit to Council President McMorrow with coming up with the name. The egg hunt will be for children up to age 9 and will begin at 10:00 am at Hogan Park. At open mic night last week, about 20 people attended. The main topic was cannabis and options we are looking at. It was very educational. Thank you to the DPW for ordering new signage for the hallways in Borough Hall. A copy of the proposed seal for the Borough has been given to each Council person. Special thanks to Council President McMorrow and the historical society for coming up with the design. Any feedback from the Council would be appreciated. We have been a borough for 107 years and we do not have a borough seal. We have been using the county or state seal. Thank you to the DPW for repairing the Library book return which saved the borough a couple thousand dollars as buying a new one would be very expensive.

## **BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Ralph had nothing to report at this time.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT**

**Mr. Lovitch** – Paris Avenue is illuminated. The Paris Avenue lightpole has been replaced. The road paving list has been submitted to Riverside Coop. The bid opening is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and the precon meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. They are looking into concepts and locations for the dog park. The grant awarded for the Senior Center ADA doors was \$66,125. He will be meeting with the Senior Center Director next week. They are still working through some comments with the Old Tappan Engineer on the Perry Street drainage. They have agreed to pave 50 feet north and south of the connection point in Northvale. They will also reconstruct the manhole inside Westcott Street.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**Peter Briscoe, 506 Crest Drive** – stated that something needs to be done at the golf course portion that is in Northvale that continuously floods. It needs to be dredged out and there is a mosquito problem. Mayor McGuire explained that is a big concern area. The Borough could pursue the County and have them come in, go into the creek and pull out dirt along the sides. Briant Bodrato said the branches would have to be taken out by hand, no machine in the creek.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Motion made by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow. All were in favor to adjourn.

*Joseph E. McGuire*

Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Frances M. Weston*

Frances M. Weston  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 12, 2023