



AGENDA

**Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, May 28, 2025
7:00 PM**

To view the Mayor & Council meeting via livestream, please access the YouTube link which is posted on the Northvale website, www.northvalenj.org. Go to government tab, then to meeting livestreams.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

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 two official newspapers 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 AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION OF 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET **(Public Hearing on June 26, 2025)**

ORDINANCE #25-10

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CY 2025 (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 find it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 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 **\$82,178.64** 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 2025 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 **\$82,178.64** , and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Northvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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.

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION #2025-91

TITLE: INTRODUCTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenue and appropriation attached hereto constitute the local budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey for the year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget is to be published in the Record in the issue of June 1, 2025, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Complex on June 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries – Anticipated

Summary of Revenues	2025	2024
1. Surplus	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 555,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,695,998.00	2,607,734.45
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	295,000.00	300,000
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	8,509,580.41	8,018,223.17
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	431,123.00	375,123.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	\$8,940,703.41	\$8,393,346.17
Total General Revenues	\$11,611,701.41	11,856,080.62
Summary of Appropriations		
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$3,873,600.00	\$3,658,900.00
Other Expenses	5,100,355.00	5,553,671.45
2. Statutory Expenses & Other Appropriations	1,160,881.00	1,169,487.87
3. Capital Improvements	60,000.00	30,000.00
4. Debt Service	976,500.00	932,768.00
5. Deferred Charges	121,916.00	150,916.00
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	318,449.00	360,337.08
Total General Appropriations	11,611,701.41	\$11,856,080.62

ROLL CALL



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”.

RESOLUTION #2025-92

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR MCGUIRE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEGLIA GROUP FOR SESRVICES RELATING TO THE BOROUGH’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLICATIONS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has put forth the Borough’s Fourth Round of Affordable Housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has until June 30, 2025 for the Planning Board to adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and for the Governing Body to endorse it; and

WHEREAS, Neglia Group submitted a proposal to the Borough, dated October 24, 2024, for these services; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Borough needs to engage Neglia Group for Phase Three of its proposal on a time/hourly basis in a sum not to exceed \$36,500 for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough may use a portion of its Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor McGuire is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Neglia Group for Phase Three of its proposal.

RESOLUTION #2025-93

TITLE: RESOLUTION CORRECTING BILLS LISTS APPROVED ON MAY 14, 2025

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, the Governing Body approved a resolution (2025-88) included a payment of \$12,798.76 for final payment to D&L Paving Contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Bills List approved on May 14, 2025 included this item on it for payment but incorrectly noted the amount as \$4,988.16 as the amount had changed after the publication of the Bills List; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to correct the Bills List approved on May 14, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the contract for the Wildwood Road West and Scharer Avenue Improvements, which was constructed by D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey in accordance with the plans and specifications, as directed by the Borough Engineer is complete. The said construction is hereby accepted and final payment in the amount of twelve thousand, seven hundred ninety-eight dollars and seventy-six cents (\$12,798.76) is hereby approved, and the Bills List approved on May 14, 2025 is hereby corrected to reflect the payment of \$12,798.76.



RESOLUTION #2025-94

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT - SUBJECT TO CHANGE