



MINUTES
Northvale Board of Health
June 19, 2025
7:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Visconi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Board of Health meeting room located on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

Mrs. Visconi read the “Sunshine Statement” into the record as follows

“This is a Regular Meeting of the Board of Health 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 in the Borough Hall. 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. This is a no smoking facility.”

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Hunkin, Mrs. Uglione, Mr. Yoon, Mrs. Visconi
Also Present: Laura Folco, Bergen County Health Department, Councilman Sokoloski,
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk
Absent: Dr. Levine, William Guyt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Yoon, seconded by Mrs. Hunkin, all were in favor to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2025 Meeting.

2025 REVENUE COLLECTED TO DATE

Food Establishment License Fees	\$14,075.00
Death Certificate Fees	\$ 7,970.00
Birth Certificate Fees	\$ 0.00
Marriage Certificate Fees	\$ 394.00
Pet Licensing	\$ 2,690.00

TOTAL	\$25,129.00
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PAYMENT OF BILLS

1. Gannett Media Corp.	\$ 10.56
Legal Ad	
2. Bergen/Passaic Registrar Association	\$ 20.00
F. Weston/N. Cowley class	



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| 3. TYCO Animal Control
March, April, May | \$1,770.00 |
| 4. NJ Department of Health
March, April, May | \$ 21.60 |

On a motion made by Mr. Yoon, seconded by Mrs. Uglione all were in favor to ratify and approve the bills paid between April 1, 2025 and June 1, 2025.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Bob Nelson, 203 Franklin Street – had a problem with a neighbor having chickens, roosters, and ducks. They had 30 animals. He had to hire an exterminator since there were many rats. He is not 100% against chickens but they need to be controlled and managed.

Marty Mattessich, 376 Bradley Avenue – has no problem with chickens as long as they are controlled.

Annette Mattessich, 376 Bradley Avenue – doesn't mind chickens but if they let them out of the coops, they need to stay in their yard.

Mrs. Visconi read from the proposed ordinance – no roosters, certain footage from property line, license fee of \$50 per chicken, allow about 4 chickens per household. She also contacted other towns for feedback.

Manuel Canay, 521 Wildwood Road West – in favor of chickens. Should control them, cage them.

Theresa Canay, 521 Wildwood Road West – in favor of chickens. She grew up with them. There has to be rules and regulations. They do make noise during the day but at night they are quiet. Should regulate the distance from the property line and how many would be allowed.

Mrs. Hunkin informed the residents that the members are taking this seriously. If chickens would be allowed, we have to make sure they can be monitored and how much this would cost the town.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Weston stated that the Rabies Clinic will be held on October 7th at the DPW building from 6:30-7:30 pm. Dr. Simon will be administering the vaccine. She also informed the board that Moe's has closed, McDonald's has a new owner, and Taco Bell will be going in where Boston Market was.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Visconi read an email the members received from Mayor McGuire. He asked the board if they are not in favor of allowing chickens, he would like to see an exception or provision for the Northvale Public School to maintain chickens for educational purposes.



OLD BUSINESS-Proposed Chicken Ordinance

Mrs. Hunkin asked Councilman Sokoloski what happens now. Councilman Sokoloski explained the process to introduce the ordinance and adoption which would be two meetings. The zoning officer has to inspect the coops. Ms. Folco said the health inspectors would go if there was a complaint.

Mr. Yoon doesn't care either way. He said since there have been a few problems in the past, this shouldn't be banned for everybody. He is inclined to say let's do this and if it gets messed up then close the door on it.

Mrs. Hunkin said she had a lot of questions about this ordinance.

After much discussion, the board members decided to leave the ordinance as is with the exception for the school.

REPORTS

Pest Control Officer's Report-Mr. Guyt was not present.

Health Officer's Report –April, May

Nurse's Report – April, May

TYCO Animal Control Officer's Report – April, May

On a motion made by Mr. Yoon, seconded by Mrs. Hunkin all were in favor to accept the Health Officer's, Nurse's, and TYCO's reports.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Councilman Sokoloski had nothing to report at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

None of the board members had any comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mrs. Uglione, seconded by Mrs. Hunkin all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 23, 2025

