



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
7:00 PM

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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 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

Mayor McGuire asked everyone to stand and join him in a salute to the flag. He also asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the first responders and troops protecting our nation.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call:

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| Mayor McGuire | Present | Councilwoman McMorrow | Present |
| Councilman Bakalian | Present | Councilman Mattessich | Present |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Present | Councilman Menafra | Absent |
| | | Councilman Sokoloski | Present |

Other Officials Present:

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

Mayor McGuire congratulated Council President McMorrow and Councilman Sokoloski on their victories on Tuesday.

Mayor McGuire informed the Council that the Fire Department will be having a coin toss on Sunday, November 24th, starting at 9:00 am at the corner of Paris Avenue and Livingston Street. The Fire Department has spoken with the Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of October 9, 2024. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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|------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| Councilman Bakalian | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra | Absent |
| Councilman Mattessich | Abstain | 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. Best Practices Checklist Inventory
(Resolution #2024-141)
2. Colliers Engineering Proposal 24010879P
2025 Riverside Cooperative Paving Program
(Resolution #2024-142)

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 #2024-140 through 2024-149. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Sokoloski.

RESOLUTION #2024-140

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale, a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey, seeks qualifications and proposals from qualified professionals to provide essential services for the Borough’s operations and functions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale seeks to employ a ‘Fair and Open Process’ as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, 20.5 et seq. for the purpose of soliciting qualified professionals to provide services as required by the Borough for the year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 13th day of November 2024, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to take, or cause to be taken, all acts necessary to publish the Legal Notice required to solicit for professional qualifications for all professional positions required by the Borough in the usual course of business pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, 20.5 et seq. in a newspaper of general circulation for the Borough of Northvale, and/or on the Borough of Northvale website, www.northvalenj.org.

RESOLUTION #2024-141

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST INVENTORY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2024-13 mandates that the municipality shall submit by October 25, 2024 to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services a report describing the municipality’s compliance with the “Best Practices Inventory”; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs established the Best Practices Inventory on August 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the report is required to be signed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have reviewed the Best Practices Inventory questions and answers being submitted.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Local Government Best Practices Checklist, as completed by the Chief Financial Officer is hereby approved for submission to the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #2024-142

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO 2025 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PAVING PROGRAM – PROPOSAL NO. 2401878P

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Borough has entered into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement (the “Cooperative Agreement”) with the Boroughs of Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Englewood Cliffs, Harrington Park, Harrington Park BOE, Haworth, Hillsdale, Little Ferry, Montvale, New Milford, Northvale, Norwood, Paramus, River Edge, and Tenafly located within the County of Bergen (hereinafter referred to as the “2025 Riverside Cooperative”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement the Borough of Northvale has been designated as the Lead Agency for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies for the 2025 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has submitted an agreement to provide professional engineering services for the coordination of the 2025 Riverside Cooperative Paving Program; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has presented the Borough of Northvale, as the Lead Agency, an agreement for design services only in the amount of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to be shared by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2025 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough and the 2025 Riverside Cooperative to execute the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby authorizes the payment of \$7,500.00 to Colliers Engineering & Design to be shared by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2025 Riverside Cooperative, for design services only as set forth in the agreement.

RESOLUTION #2024-143

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Amanda Finocchiaro of 168 Livingston Street, Northvale and Irene McCarthy of 2 DeLongis Court, Sparkill, New York be appointed as Alternate School Crossing Guards.

RESOLUTION #2024-144

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAX DUE TO TAX EXEMPT STATUS 179 FRANKLIN STREET, BLOCK 917, LOT 4 – BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE

WHEREAS 2024 3rd and 4th Quarter Taxes and 2025 1st and 2nd Quarter Preliminary Taxes remain outstanding on the Borough of Northvale tax records; and



WHEREAS the property has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.6; and

WHEREAS the outstanding balance of 2024 Tax is \$5,762.79 and 2025 Preliminary Tax is \$5,573.08 as analyzed:

| Assessed To | Property Location | Block/Lot | Amount | Year-Quarter |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|
| Robert Bettega | 179 Franklin Street | 917/4 | \$2,895.32 | 2024-3 rd Qtr |
| | | | \$2,867.47 | 2024-4 th Qtr |
| | | | \$2,786.54 | 2025-1 st Qtr |
| | | | \$2,786.54 | 2025-2 nd Qtr |

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes in the amount of \$5,762.79 for 2024 and \$5,573.08 for 2025.

RESOLUTION #2024-145

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR OVERPAID TAXES ON 179 FRANKLIN STREET, BLOCK 917, LOT 4 DUE TO THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS GRANTED IN RESOLUTION #2024-78

WHEREAS 179 Franklin Street was granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.6 in Resolution 2024-78; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Exemption is effective as of April 1, 2024, and the 2024 2nd Quarter tax was paid May 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the resolution to make the property Tax Exempt was approved at the May 8, 2024 Mayor and Council meeting causing the overpayment of the 2nd Quarter Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue a refund of the overpaid tax in the amount of \$2,691.68.

| Assessed To | Property Location | Block/Lot | Amount | Year/Quarter |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Robert Bettega | 179 Franklin Street | 917/4 | 2,691.68 | 2024/2 nd Qtr |

RESOLUTION #2024-146

TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO ENDORSE PROJECT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE BERGEN COUNTY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, A Bergen County Community Development Block Grant of \$133,650 has been proposed by National Institute for People with Disabilities of New Jersey (NIPD/NJ) for bathrooms/kitchen renovation project in the supportive residence at 418 Briarwood Lane, Northvale, New Jersey 07647 in the municipality of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Northvale; and



WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite the expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of Northvale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent expeditiously to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; resposito@co.bergen.nj.us) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

RESOLUTION #2024-147

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFER TO RESOLVE CLAIM FOR 2023 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 2023, and the borough now seeks to authorize payment based upon similar cost structure, adjusted for the number of households receiving such services in 2023; and

WHEREAS, based upon available information, the Borough's per household cost for snow removal in the relevant time period is approximately:

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|--------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2023- | \$54.09 | X 102 eligible = | \$5,517.03 |
| Snow removal total | | | \$5,517.03; and |

WHEREAS, all other services have been previously reimbursed through a separate resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now seeks to resolve the claims by the Association for 2023 for street lighting and snow removal, and to uphold and fulfill its responsibilities and obligations to all residents by providing essential services required by statute and case law, and other good cause appearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Attorney is authorized to offer a settlement of all claims for snow removal, for reimbursement advanced by Paris Square for calendar 2024, in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen and 03/100 (\$5,517.03) Dollars, consistent with the settlement agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and/or his designee, and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to effectuate such payment from the general fund payable from such account or accounts as the CFO may deem appropriate, subject to certification



of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer, and execution of such other voucher or purchase order as may be necessary, in the usual course of business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent immediately upon the entry hereof to the CFO, managing agent or counsel for the Association and all departments, vendors and agencies necessary to provide the required services.

RESOLUTION #2024-148

TITLE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET FOR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,400

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40:4-49 permits the transfer of appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year from accounts showing unexpended balances to accounts in which commitments may exceed the original budgeted appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached transfers are hereby authorized in the total amount of \$34,600.

| DEPARTMENT | GROUP | ACCOUNT | FROM | TO |
|---|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Construction Code: Office Operations | OE | 4-01-22-195-200 | | 4,500.00 |
| Code Compliance Office Operations | OE | 4-01-22-196-200 | | 3,500.00 |
| Liability Insurance | OE | 4-01-23-210-201 | | 2,000.00 |
| Fire Department: Vehicle Maintenance | OE | 4-01-25-255-204 | | 13,500.00 |
| Fire Prevention: Office Operations | OE | 4-01-25-265-201 | | 1,100.00 |
| Electricity: Other | OE | 4-01-31-430-201 | | 5,000.00 |
| Recycling Professional Services | OE | 4-01-26-300-203 | | 5,000.00 |
| Other Misc. Insurance | OE | 4-01-23-205-201 | 3,000.00 | |
| Street & Roads: Vehicle Maintenance | OE | 4-01-26-290-204 | 8,000.00 | |
| Sewer System | OE | 4-01-26-315-201 | 8,000.00 | |
| Telephone | OE | 4-01-31-440-200 | 5,000.00 | |
| Street Lighting | OE | 4-01-31-435-201 | 3,000.00 | |
| Natural Gas | OE | 4-01-31-446-21 | 2,600.00 | |
| Financial Administration: Prof Services | OE | 4-01-20-130-203 | 2,000.00 | |
| Tax Collection: Prof Services | OE | 4-01-20-145-203 | 2,000.00 | |
| Tax Assessment Equip Maint | OE | 4-01-20-150-204 | 1,000.00 | |
| Total Appropriation Reserve Transfer | | | <u>34,600.00</u> | <u>34,600.00</u> |



RESOLUTION #2024-149

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 (2024) | \$384,402.59 |
| Current Fund Appropriations (2023) | - |
| General Capital Fund | 128,290.91 |
| Grant Fund | 12,240.00 |
| Animal Trust | |
| Police DEA Trust | |
| Escrow Trust | 31,867.52 |
| Affordable Housing Trust | |
| Recreation Trust | 587.50 |
| Summer Recreation Trust | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$557,388.52 |
| Retro Current Fund (2024) | 5,766.00 |
| | \$563,154.52 |

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, 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, 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:

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Northern Valley Regional High School | | |
| Payroll – Salaries & Wages | 10/10/2024 | 165,000 |
| Payroll- Salaries & Wages | 10/24/2024 | 184,000 |
| Health Benefits | 10/04/24 | 62,325.63 |
| County Taxes | | |
| Employee Pension Payment- PERS/PFRS | | |
| Northvale Board OF Education | 10/8/24 10/31/24 | 963,457.08 963,457.08 |
| Northern Valley Regional High School District | 10/9/24 | 577,078.20 |
| Northvale Public Library | | |
| Capital - Interfund | | |
| DTC- Bond Principal & Inter | | |
| DTC- Bond Interest | | |
| TOTAL | | \$3,478,472.51 |



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$3,478,472.51** and ratified respectively.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if the resolution for Paris Square is a reimbursement given at the end of the year for snow removal. Mayor McGuire informed the Council that the DPW cannot do the snowplowing there since our equipment is built for Borough roads and the roads at Paris Square are narrow with Belgium blocks.

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:

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|--------|
| Councilman Bakalian | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra | Absent |
| Councilman Mattessich | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski | Yes |

ORDINANCES – 2ND READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1101-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #1101-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 140 “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING”

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough residents to replace Chapter 140 of the Borough Code entitled “Solicitors, Peddlers, and Canvassers” with the following and, in particular, to provide a no-knock section of the ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to amend and revise Chapter 140 as follows:

Section 140 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

§ 140-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PERSON

As used herein shall mean and include an individual, firm, partnership or corporation.

PEDDLER

Any person, who, whether by foot or conveyance, goes from person to person, or from house to house or from place to place, taking or attempting to take orders or subscriptions for the sale, purchase or lease of goods, wares or merchandise of any description for the purpose of selling and delivering them to purchasers.

SOLICITOR OR CANVASSER

Any individual, whether a resident of the Borough of Northvale or not, traveling by foot or any other conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for the sale of goods for future delivery or for services to be performed in the future, whether or not a sample is carried or displayed and whether or not advance payments are collected; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to wholesale salesmen calling on retail merchants.

§ 140-2 License required; exceptions.

It shall be unlawful to engage in the business of solicitor, peddler or canvasser without first obtaining a license therefore from the Borough Clerk; provided, however, that the following activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter:



- A. persons under 17 years of age are allowed to solicit only when under the supervision of an adult and said adult shall be required to obtain a license as a solicitor, peddler or canvasser prior to soliciting, peddling or canvassing in the Borough of Northvale.
- B. Delivery of goods, wares, or merchandise in the regular course of business to the premises of persons ordering or entitled to receive same.
- C. Solicitations on behalf of members of any charitable organizations, religious organizations, or on behalf of a political candidate or activity.

§ 140-3 Application procedure; information, references required.

All applications for licenses shall be in writing on forms furnished by the Borough of Northvale, signed by the applicant and presented to the Borough Clerk. The said application shall state the full name, address or addresses of the applicant for the preceding 3 years; place of birth of the applicant; whether or not the applicant has been previously arrested or convicted of any crime, misdemeanor or violation of a municipal ordinance, and, if so, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor; the nature of the goods, wares or merchandise to be sold, offered for sale or to be purchased; the name and address of the applicant's employer, if any; the place where the goods to be sold or orders taken therefor are manufactured and produced, where such goods are located at the time the applications is filed and the proposed method of delivery; a description of the vehicle to be used, if any; and the names of at least two property owners of the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey who will certify as to the applicant's good character and business responsibility, or, in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as to the good character and business responsibility of the applicant as will enable an investigation to properly evaluate such character and business responsibility. The application shall be accompanied by a letter from the applicant's employer, if any, authorizing the applicant to act as a representative. The application shall also be accompanied by a two-inch-square passport-type photograph of the applicant taken within 60 days of the filing of the application. The application shall be further accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$25 to cover the cost of investigation of the facts therein stated.

§ 140-4 Investigation by Police Department.

Upon receipt of the application for a license as herein provided, the Borough Clerk shall forthwith transmit the same to the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall also cause such investigation of the applicant's business and moral character to be made as he deems necessary for the protection of the public good. If, as a result of such investigation, the applicant's character and business responsibility is found to be satisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse his approval on the application and return it to the Borough Clerk, who shall issue the license. If, as a result of such investigation, the applicant's character and business responsibility are found to be unsatisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse his disapproval on the application and return it to the Borough Clerk, and the license shall not be issued. In the event that the Chief of Police shall disapprove the application, the applicant shall have the right to appeal such action of the Chief of Police to the governing body, which body shall, after public hearing being afforded to the applicant, affirm the action of the Chief of Police or reverse the same and order the license to be issued by the Borough Clerk. An additional fee shall be charged at the rate permitted by the State of New Jersey law at the time said request is made for the purpose of processing fingerprint identification checks with the State Bureau of Identification. In lieu of fingerprinting by the Borough of Northvale or its designee, the applicant may submit a certification signed by the Chief Operating Officer of the Applicant, or the applicant if the applicant is an individual, certifying that the Applicant has performed a background check on each named individual who will be soliciting, indicating that the background check was performed with no negative results.



§ 140-5 Records required.

The Borough Clerk shall keep an accurate list of all licenses issued pursuant to this chapter in a book for that purpose.

§ 140-6 Photograph required; display of license.

The photograph of the license accompanying the application shall be attached to the license and the licensee shall exhibit the license to any police officer or other person upon request.

§ 140-7 Expiration date; renewal; fees.

All licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at the end of the calendar year of its issuance. Licenses may be renewed upon the written application of the holder of such a license for a renewal of the same made to the Borough Clerk. Such application shall set forth any changes or additions to the licensee's original application and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$25 to cover the cost of investigation of the facts therein stated. The procedure to be followed with respect to an application for an original or first license as set forth in this chapter shall apply to an application for a renewal of such license to the extent that such procedure is applicable.

§ 140-8 Hours restricted.

The business licensed pursuant to this chapter shall be conducted only on Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9 a.m. until one-half hour after sunset.

§ 140-9 State statutes govern.

The issuance of licenses hereunder shall be in strict compliance with N.J.S.A. 45:24-9 et seq.

§ 140-10 Location restrictions.

A.

No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where such operations might impede or inconvenience the public use of such streets. For the purpose of this subsection, the judgment of the police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced.

B.

No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall conduct any trade or business of any kind whatsoever within any non-residential zone of the Borough. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the right of a duly licensed solicitor to solicit funds for charitable purposes within said district.

§ 140-11 Exception.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any charitable campaign to be conducted with the approval of the governing body.

§ 140-12 Revocation.

A license issued pursuant to this chapter may be revoked by the governing body upon written complaint to it and after public hearing being afforded to the licensee, charging fraud, misrepresentation or false statement in the license application or in the course of carrying on the business; any violation of this chapter; conviction of any crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; or conducting the licensed business in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.



§ 140-13 No-Knock List.

A.

All residents of the Borough may register their name, address and/or unit/apartment number with the Borough Clerk to be placed on the No-Knock List, indicating that they do not want canvassers, peddlers, solicitors or hawkers of any sort to approach their homes and/or seek personal contact with the occupants of the registered home. The Borough Clerk shall provide the registration form, which shall be available during normal business hours. By registering for the No-Knock List, the resident chooses to allow the Borough of Northvale Police, Fire or First Aid Rescue squads to be exempt.

B.

Residents shall remain on the No-Knock List until such time as they advise the Municipal Clerk in writing that they wish to be removed from the list.

C.

The Borough Clerk shall maintain a No-Knock List a copy of which shall be provided to all persons or organizations required to obtain a license or register pursuant to Chapter 140. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5, the Municipal Clerk shall charge a fee for a copy of the No-Knock List. The list shall be updated periodically.

D.

It shall be unlawful for any peddler, hawker, solicitor or canvasser to approach and/or seek personal contact with the occupants thereof if that residence is registered on the No-Knock List.

E. Exceptions: The following activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section:

- (1) Delivery of goods, wares, or merchandise in the regular course of business to the premises of persons ordering or entitled to receive same.
- (2) Solicitations on behalf of members of any charitable organizations, religious organizations, or on behalf of a political candidate or activity.

§ 140-14 Severability.

The provisions of this chapter shall be severable, and if any of the provisions hereof shall be held unconstitutional, the decision of the court respecting such provision shall not affect the validity of any other provisions which can be given effect without such invalid provision or provisions.

§ 140-15 Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not exceeding \$1000 for each violation of this chapter and in default of payment thereof may be sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 30 days. Every day on which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 140-16 Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

§ 140-17 When effective.

This chapter shall take effect immediately upon publication according to law.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Section 3. All prior ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if there were any changes made to the ordinance. Council President McMorro asked who would need a license in item A under 140-2. Chief Ostrow explained the process once an application is received.



Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1101-2024 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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| Councilman Bakalian | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafrá | Absent |
| Councilman Mattessich | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski | Yes |

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McGuire informed the Council that the Fire Association is eligible for a community development grant since they are a polling location. Scott met with the Architect and some members of the Fire Association. The Architect has the information he needs. The grant application must be submitted by December 14th.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – Ambulance Corps had 18 calls for the month of October – 9 to Northvale, 4 Jewish Home, 1 Norwood, 1 Closter, 1 Demarest, 1 Alpine, and 1 other. Police Department highlights for October were 72 selective enforcement traffic/radar details, 68 motor vehicle stops, 15 motor vehicle crashes, 31 medical assist calls, 31 civilian assist calls, and 55 school safety checks. There were 4 arrests – female age 18 from New York for obtaining and fraudulent use of credit card, male age 38 from New York for driving while intoxicated, male age 36 from New York for driving while intoxicated, and female age 27 from Norwood for shoplifting. On October 2nd the Police Community Services Unit hosted Coffee With a Cop at the McGuire Senior Center. The event was met with a very positive response from our community and was the perfect venue for residents to interact with our police officers. A special thank you to Lieutenant Joe Alise for organizing the event, Michelle Adoni, Senior Center Director, and Starbucks for donating the coffee. On October 9th, the Police Community Services Unit hosted its first Walk and Roll to School with the Police event. The response from the community and the public school staff was overwhelming. Northvale officers and all who attended joined in and had the choice of riding bicycles or walking to school. Through this event we emphasized community togetherness and also promoted health and wellness. We look forward to bringing this event back on a yearly basis. Special thanks to Lt. Joe Alise and Officer Angelo Milordo for organizing the event and Northvale’s own Jamis Bicycles for their participation and support.

Preschool registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact Kate Argiro. They are looking forward to participating in the upcoming tree lighting. They also enjoyed participating in the Veterans Day ceremony.

Councilman Bakalian – Planning Board had two meetings in October. At the October 2nd meeting, an application was made for a mixed uses medical office/residential use at 226 Livingston (across from the liquor store). At the October 16th meeting, the subdivision was approved for 307 White Avenue for two residential homes. A variance was approved to allow a mixed use medical office/residential use at 226 Livingston. Two new homes are being built at 412 and 414 Tappan Road, next to the restaurant. A total of 20 permits were issued by the Building Department for the month of October and 2 permits were updated. The new lead paint fee went into effect in October and will increase revenues moving forward. Fees collected for October were \$23,338 as compared to October 2023 \$24,046. The year to date is \$22,677 more than last year. Chamber of Commerce will be having a meeting tomorrow.

Mayor McGuire read Councilman Menafrá’s report – Fire Department statistics for the month of October – 22 emergency calls totaling 64.25 man hours which include 11 fire alarms, 1 utility, 1 smoke condition, 2 non-structural fires. There were 12 non-emergency calls totaling 166 man hours. The fire department visited Northvale School on October 21st and gave presentations on fire safety to the students. Fire Prevention had 27 inspections and 11 reinspections for the month of October. Municipal Alliance – programming with the Senior Center is being arranged for March 2025, specific details to follow. The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources will be running an anti-vaping presentation for adults on January 28th at 6:00 pm in the Library. Northvale Board of Education had their regular meeting on October 24th. Mr.



Michael Sullivan was officially sworn in as a school board member. Test results were revealed – students are performing better in all grade levels except 6th grade. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 6:30 pm. Northern Valley Board of Education had their regular meeting on October 14th. The National Merit Scholars will be recognized at the meeting in November. There were 4 HIB investigations and 3 confirmed violations. Back to School night was held on September 26th. PSAT was administered on October 15th. The 8th grade open house was held on October 16th. The Marching Band won 1st place in a recent US band competition held in Pennsylvania. The average SAT score at NVOT was 1211 which is consistent with the average reported in the previous 4 school years. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 7:30 pm.

Councilman Mattessich – DPW continues with leaf collection through town. They installed new post and signs on Frances Lane and Chestnut Street, unloaded new dugouts at Hogan Park, modified the police sign on the trailer, removed sanitation stations from both parks, dug a trench for the electric line for the new Christmas tree at Hogan Park, and installed lights on the tree. Maintenance continues on the fields at both parks. Senior Center was closed for election day but the next day the seniors did karaoke with Chris. This morning at 10:00 am Brian Blotner did a presentation on Positivity and how laughing can be beneficial to our health. Tomorrow, November 14th, a physician from the Bergen New Bridge Medical Center will join the seniors at 11:00 am to show them how to manage sciatica. The senior center breakfast is November 19th at 10:00 am. The center will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 28th and 29th. Golden Age Club Christmas party is set for December 11th at Aurora's in Old Tappan. Recreation had a meeting in October which I could not attend. Soccer is concluding very soon. Basketball and indoor soccer sign ups are set. Their seasons will begin in December. The next Recreation meeting is November 19th at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Fernandez – The next Library meeting will be on November 20th at 6:30 pm. There are currently 2,299 registered Northvale Library cardholders. You can check out the Library's website and calendar for a complete list of all their activities for both adults and children each month. We will be setting up a meeting to discuss getting plans in order for the community garden.

Councilman Sokoloski – Board of Health held their meeting on October 23rd which I was unable to attend but I assume it was a business-as-usual meeting. To date, the Board of Health has income of \$23,137. Northern Valley Greenway – while not official, it appears that CSX is now willing to discuss options for turning over their right of way. There were no changes from October in the grants. Requested grants pending total \$2,265,280 and grants awarded so far total \$1,424,757. Today we were awarded a DOT grant of \$171,045 to repave White Avenue and Willow Avenue. Thank you to Mayor McGuire for congratulating us. We cannot do this without you as our inspiration. I applaud you for standing up for our DPW. You always bring the town up and appreciate everything you do.

Mayor McGuire – Thank you to everyone who came out for our Veterans Day ceremony that we held in front of Borough Hall on Monday. It was great to see our Northvale school choir along with the preschool. Also we had a nice collaboration with former Mayor Perretti and the American Legion. Most of all thank you to our veterans who have served our country. Our next event is the holiday tree lighting on Friday, December 6th at 6:30 pm at a new location with a new tree. It will be held at the gazebo at Hogan Park and we will have vendors, music and hot chocolate plus a special visitor in a red suit. Our 2nd annual Battle of the Bulbs is happening now. Applications are being accepted now. Once again congratulations to Council President McMorro and Councilman Sokoloski on their reelection. We will be holding our reorganization meeting for 2025 on Thursday, January 2nd at 6:30 pm. You heard us pass an ordinance this evening called a No Knock Ordinance. This is an opt-in program, meaning you have to sign up if you want to be included on the list. I encourage all residents to go to the website and utilize the form in the clerk's section to sign up. We will have stickers to give out so people can place them on front windows for visibility. A list is given out to every solicitor who obtains a permit from the clerk. Community Solar is coming to Northvale. Every resident will be receiving communications towards the end of the year to see if they wish to sign up for our first Community Solar Farm which is opening at 251 Union Street in June. Residents can sign up to receive credits on their utility bill for utilizing the solar energy that is generated from the farm. Spots go quickly but the good news is that there are several industrial rooftop properties in Northvale that qualify for more solar farm space. This is a no brainer way to save up to 20% on



your electric bill. The New Jersey League of Municipalities is next week. I will be in attendance along with our clerk, DPW superintendents and zoning officer.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ralph had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – Livingston Streetscape – met with the vendor and installer. The benches and cans have been delayed in delivery. Senior Center ADA bathrooms will begin November 18th and should take 6-8 weeks for completion. The seniors have one other bathroom available to them. Scharer Ave and Wildwood Road West will be milled this week. The paving machine broke so they will be back on Friday and Monday to pave. Basketball Courts at Veterans Park had the hoops installed. Temporary striping was done since it has been too cold. They will finish in the spring. The court is open and operational.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public.

William Maxwell, 156 Chestnut Street – asked why is the whole street a no parking zone except Sundays. If people come to visit there is nowhere to park. The new ordinance is allowing parking on Sundays from 8-4. Chief Ostrow informed him he can park cars in front of his house.

Chris Bombino, 123 Rockland Avenue – On October 9th the Mayor & Council changed an ordinance that prohibited all parking on Chestnut Street which has been in force for the last 17 years. Two years ago ChoDae requested parking and was denied. He asked how did this change come about. Mayor McGuire answered that there is an increase in people attending services and the educational facility after covid. Walnut Street has been getting hammered with parking. Mr. Bombino asked if a traffic study was done. He also asked if the variance stipulations were looked at. He doesn't feel it is a critical need to add 17 spaces on Chestnut Street. He also asked to have the portable sign removed. He will continue to email the Mayor, Council, and Chief with violations that he sees. He asked if anyone knows the maximum capacity. He believes there is 1200 people in the building. He asked to have the original ordinance restored. Mayor McGuire stated that the first 30 days of the ordinance will be some hiccups and we will continue to monitor the situation. If there is excessive traffic flows, we will take another look.

William Guyt, 195 Paris Avenue – thank you to Roy and the Mayor for responding to the political flyer. He doesn't know why political parties have to dump on the DPW. Since it has been extremely dry out, there is a lot of dust coming out of the leaf trucks. Most of the residents are complying with the ordinance. There should be no sticks or brush on the leaves. Brush will be picked up after leaf season.

Howard Ostrow – thank you to Mr. Bombino for his concerns. It is an educational process. A PDF was sent to the elders of Cho Dae depicting the parking and no parking areas. They were asked to distribute to their parish. The police will continue to monitor the traffic. They were advised they will receive a summons if they park in the no parking areas. New signs will be put up next week on the east side. Also thank you to Scott for the pedestrian crossing signage on Livingston Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. Motion was moved by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Bakalian. All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 12, 2024





