



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, September 11, 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 asked Luke Pothos to lead us in a salute to the flag. He also asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence keeping everyone in our prayers that were directly affected by the 2011 terrorist attacks. Also remember our troops and first responders.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call:

Mayor McGuire	Present	Councilwoman McMorrow	Present
Councilman Bakalian	Present	Councilman Mattessich	Present
Councilwoman Fernandez	Present	Councilman Menafr	Present
		Councilman Sokoloski	Present

Other Officials Present:

Robert Ferraro, Borough Attorney
Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor McGuire presented certificates to the 5/6 Boys Dick Davis Memorial Summer Basketball League Champions and their coaches.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of August 14, 2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafr	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	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. County of Bergen, Shared Service Agreement
Snow Plowing and Salting- Oct. 1, 2024 – April 30, 2026
(Resolution #2024-127)
- 2. Rockleigh Interlocal Agreement – 2024/2025
Sanding, Salting, and Snow Plowing Services
(Resolution #2024-128)

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 #2024-124 through 2024-130. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

RESOLUTION #2024-124

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #257 – K OF C IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 9021 – 50/50 RAFFLE – DECEMBER 13, 2024

NAME: K of C Immaculate Conception Council 9021

ADDRESS: 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 6:00-11:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: December 13, 2024

ID #: 355-6-42364

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #257

RESOLUTION #2024-125

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #258 – WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – 50/50 ON-PREMISE RAFFLE– OCTOBER 25, 2024

NAME: Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale

ADDRESS: 195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 190 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 6:00-11:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: October 25, 2024

ID #: 355-8-21812

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #258



RESOLUTION #2024-126

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #259 – WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – ON-PREMISE RAFFLE– OCTOBER 25, 2024

NAME: Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale
ADDRESS: 195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 190 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ
HOURS: 6:00-11:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE: October 25, 2024
ID #: 355-8-21812
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #259

RESOLUTION #2024-127

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen is authorized to remove snow from County owned or controlled roads; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to employ the services of the Borough of Northvale for snowplow operations and salting on County owned or controlled roads located within the Borough of Northvale for two (2) winter seasons beginning October 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County will compensate the Borough of Northvale for these services pursuant to a shared services agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Northvale, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the shared services agreement with the County of Bergen for the services aforesaid.

RESOLUTION #2024-128

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN 2024/2025 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH FOR SANDING, SALTING, AND SNOW PLOWING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et.seq. governs shared service agreements between municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale desires to enter into an Agreement with the Borough of Rockleigh for the providing of sanding, salting, and snow plowing of streets located within the Borough of Rockleigh at an hourly rate of \$115/hour; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been prepared to encompass the months of November and December of 2024 and January through April, inclusive, of 2025.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Mayor Joseph McGuire and Municipal Clerk Frances Weston be, and are hereby authorized, to execute the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

RESOLUTION #2024-129

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY TREATMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET. SEQ. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et seq., permits the creation of a cooperative pricing system whereby two or more contracting units join together to form a joint purchasing and cooperating pricing system; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative was duly formed and created and has designated the Borough of Northvale as the Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative intends to solicit bids for the 2024 Spotted Lanternfly Treatment; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate of said goods and services is anticipated to exceed the current bid threshold and is therefore required to be bid under a formal process pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, as the Lead Agency, the Borough of Northvale is responsible for advertising for the receipt of bids for the 2024 Spotted Lanternfly Treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Northvale does hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the 2024 Spotted Lanternfly Treatment.

RESOLUTION #2024-130

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 (2024)	\$208,887.36
Current Fund Appropriations (2023)	-
General Capital Fund	183,413.12
Grant Fund	7,879.72
Animal Trust	1.20
Police DEA Trust	58,000.00
Escrow Trust	
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	13,988.55
Summer Recreation Trust	
SUBTOTAL	\$472,169.95



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 bills list, 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	8-29-24	\$165,000.00
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	8-19-24	\$177,000.00
Health Benefits	6-24-24	\$63,534.14
County Taxes	8-15-24	\$685,985.00
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	8-05-24	\$963,457.00
Northern Valley Regional High School District	8-05-24	\$577,078.20
Northvale Public Library		
Capital - Interfund	8-23-24	\$250,000
DTC- Bond Principal		
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$3,356,224.29

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$3,356,224.29** and ratified respectively.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the consent agenda items only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorro	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

Mayor McGuire stated that this ordinance was introduced at the last meeting. A new ordinance was written with changes which will be introduced tonight.

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to REJECT Ordinance #1094-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Sokoloki.

ORDINANCE #1094-2024

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 147, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

WHEREAS, the parking and storage of vehicles and machinery is currently regulated; and



WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend the regulations for the parking of vehicles, vessels, recreational vehicles and trailers; and

WHEREAS, these regulations will enhance the appearance of property in the Borough while providing guidance for the appropriate parking and storage of vehicles, vessels, recreational vehicles and trailers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following ordinance is hereby added and replaces the current ordinance:

~~§ 147-8, Storage of Vehicles and Machinery.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor or occupant of lands in the Borough of Northvale to store, place, keep, park or accumulate upon such lands any motor vehicles, automobiles or machines in need of repair so as not to be readily operated under their own power, requiring substantial repairs or not currently licensed or not being currently used for transportation.~~

§ 147-8, Storage of Vehicles and Machinery.

A. Definitions:

1. "Recreation vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed vehicle equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel purposes and used solely as a family or personal conveyance.
2. "Trailer" means every vehicle with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.
3. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks or low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters, or motorized bicycles.
4. "Vessel" means a boat or watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

B. Parking and Storage of Vehicles. It shall be unlawful to park or store on any property outside of an enclosed building any vehicle, recreation vehicle, trailer, vessel, or machinery that is inoperable, in disrepair, or not registered as may be required by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

C. Parking Prohibited. The parking of a vehicle, recreation vehicle, trailer, or vessel in, or upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, street intersection or public or private lawn is prohibited.

D. Parking Permitted. Except as set forth in Section 147-8 B, the parking of a recreation vehicle, trailer or vessel is permitted only on a paved driveway; further,



a recreation vehicle, trailer or vessel must be parked at least ten (10) feet from the curblineline and not interfere with sight lines from the street.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1094-2024 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	No	Council President McMorrow	No
Councilwoman Fernandez	No	Councilman Menafra	No
Councilman Mattessich	No	Councilman Sokoloski	No

Ordinance #1094-2024 was defeated.

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1095-2024. Motion was moved by Councilwoman McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

ORDINANCE #1095-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, ARTICLE II ATHLETIC FIELD, § 135-15 Permits. OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND PERMITTING OF ATHLETIC FIELDS

WHEREAS, the Borough deems it in the Borough’s best interests to further regulate the use of athletic fields to avoid conflict and set forth standards for use of the athletic fields; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 135, Article II § 135-15 Permits, is hereby added and replaces the current ordinance:

Section 1.

§ 135-15 Permits.

A.

The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the ~~Northvale Recreation Committee~~ **Borough Clerk** to issue permits to all regular users of the recreational facilities for the purpose of ~~softball games~~ **sporting events, camps, and social events**. Such permits shall be in a form approved by said ~~Recreation Committee~~ **Borough Clerk**, and shall indicate thereon the dates and times that the applicant is permitted to utilize the recreational facilities. **Applicants are required to provide a Hold Harmless Agreement in a form prescribed by the Northvale Recreation Committee or the Borough Clerk and shall provide a certificate of insurance specifically naming the Borough of Northvale as an additional insured providing general liability, bodily injury and property damage coverage with minimum limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.**

B.

No regular user, defined herein, shall utilize the recreational facilities of the Borough of Northvale for the purposes of ~~softball competition~~ sporting events, camps, and social events after the effective date of this Article unless they have first obtained a permit from the Borough Clerk.

C. Priority of Use.

1. When determining the priority of use of athletic fields and recreational facilities, priority shall first be given to activities arranged by the Northvale Recreation Committee or the Borough Clerk. Secondly priority will be given to activities arranged by the Northvale Board of Education.



2. Limitations on Usage. Field usage shall be limited to a maximum of eight (8) reservations per year, unless specifically approved by the Borough Clerk.

3. Usage fees.

a. The fee for field usage is \$75 per usage with a maximum usage of four (4) hours.

b. The fee for usage of the gazebo shall be \$50 for up to the first hour and \$25 for each hour or part thereof thereafter for a limit of four (4) hours.

c. The fee for picnic and event permits for the use of one field shall be \$75 for up to four hours per field.

d. The fee for summer camp and sports camp shall be \$10 per week per participant for the first 50 participants and \$15 for each participant over 50 participants per week.

e. Non-profit organizations shall not be charged for the first two usages for each month.

4. Responsibility to leave the recreational areas clean and free of debris.

Anyone obtaining a permit hereunder shall have the responsibility to leave the athletic field or facility clean and free of debris. Any violator of this provision shall be subject to a fine of \$200.00. Upon a second violation, the permit holder shall no longer have the right or ability to obtain a permit for a period of one year thereafter. All fines must be paid before the permit holder may receive another permit.

SECTION 2. All ordinances not in conflict with the foregoing shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1095-2024 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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

ORDINANCES – 1st READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1093-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafrá, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

ORDINANCE #1093-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND PROHIBITED PARKING ON A CERTAIN PORTION OF CHESTNUT STREET

WHEREAS, Parking is currently prohibited on both sides of Chestnut Street from John Street south to the Borough of Northvale Corporate Line; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend the parking regulations on a portion of Chestnut Street; and

WHEREAS, Parking on certain portions of Chestnut Street may provide approximately 17 additional parking spaces, which may be utilized in a safe manner.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following ordinance is hereby added:

Section 1: Chapter 186, Article II, Traffic

§ 186-17, Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any streets or parts thereof described.

Name of Street Sides Location

Chestnut Street	Both	From John Street south to the Borough of Northvale Corporate line Borough of Northvale Corporate Line except that parking will be permitted on the west side of Chestnut Street beginning 220 feet north of Rockland Avenue for a distance of 350 feet, on Sundays and Federal holidays but only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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Section 2. All other parts of Section 186-17 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1096-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

ORDINANCE #1096-2024

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SECTIONS 4, 6, 7, 8 AND 11 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1086-24) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$543,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The title of Ordinance No. 1086-24 originally entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$543,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE



ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") on June 12, 2024 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to increase the amount appropriated by the ordinance from \$543,000 to \$563,000 (an increase of \$20,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$563,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

Section 2. Section 4 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to (A)(i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.B. from \$278,000 to \$298,000 (an increase of \$20,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.B. from \$14,000 to \$15,000 (an increase of \$1,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.B. from \$264,000 to \$283,000 (an increase of \$19,000); and (B)(i) increase the aggregate appropriation and estimated cost for Section 4 from \$543,000 to \$563,000 (an increase of \$20,000); (ii) increase the aggregate down payment appropriated for Section 4 from \$27,000 to \$28,000 (an increase of \$1,000); and (iii) increase the aggregate amount of bonds and notes authorized in Section 4 from \$516,000 to \$535,000 (an increase of \$19,000); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the 2024 Road Improvement Program at various locations, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and placed or to be placed on file with the Borough Clerk. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Borough Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$265,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 13,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$252,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Acquisition of a new dive assist/rescue fire vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$298,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$283,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$563,000
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Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 28,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$535,000."

Section 3. Section 6 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the down payment appropriated from \$27,000 to \$28,000 (an increase of \$1,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$28,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$28,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes."

Section 4. Section 7 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds authorized from \$516,000 to \$535,000 (an increase of \$19,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$535,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted."

Section 5. Section 8 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bond anticipation notes authorized from \$516,000 to \$535,000 (an increase of \$19,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$535,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding."

Section 6. Section 11 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of gross debt of the Borough shown on the Supplemental Debt Statement filed for the ordinance, as amended, from \$516,000 to \$535,000 (an increase of \$19,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$535,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law."

Section 7. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if the quote for the fire department vehicle is locked in.



Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1097-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.

ORDINANCE #1097-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND THE SECTION TO PROHIBITING STANDING AND PARKING AND TO ADD FRANCES LANE

WHEREAS, Chapter 186 Article II , Section 19 of the Borough Code prohibits parking during certain hours on certain streets; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to also prohibit standing on those hours and on those streets; and

WHEREAS, Parking is currently permitted on both sides of Frances Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend the parking regulations on Frances Lane for better parking use and to prohibit standing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 186, Article II, Traffic

§ 186-19, Parking and **Standing** prohibited during certain hours on certain streets

No person shall park **or stand** a vehicle between the hours specified of any day upon any of the streets or parts of streets described:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
Frances Lane	Both	8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through	All
Friday from September 1 through June 30			

SECTION 2. All other parts of Section 186-19 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1098-2024. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafra.



ORDINANCE #1098-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR SECTION 42-2 COMPOSITION

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend Chapter 42 in order to expand the permitted composition of the Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to provide for one additional Sergeant and the ability to hire up to two more patrolman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following ordinance is hereby amended:

Section 1: Chapter 42, Police Department

§ 42-2: Composition

The Police Department shall be composed of the following:

A.

One Chief.

B.

Up to one Captain.

C.

Up to one Lieutenant.

D.

Up to ~~three~~ **four** Sergeants.

E.

As many patrolmen as needed, up to ~~40~~ **12**, as determined by population, geographical and infrastructure considerations, property development, tax impact, Borough finances, the necessity to maintain the safety and peace for the residents of Northvale and other relevant factors.

F.

In any event, the total number of police personnel, including line officers and patrolmen, shall not exceed ~~45~~ **17**.

SECTION 2. All other parts of Section 42-2 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes



Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1099-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #1099-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 80 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “CERTIFICATES” TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR LEAD PAINT INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, Public Law 2021, c. 182 requires lead inspections for certain residential dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will be overseeing compliance with this law, and wishes to provide for the payment of a fee for its administration of these inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that Chapter 80 of the Borough Code is hereby amended to create an Article IV, “Certificates for Lead Paint Inspections” as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 80 Article IV Fees for Lead Paint Inspections

Section 80-24. Lead Paint Inspection Fees. The following fees are hereby established for lead paint inspections:

Lead Paint Application Fee: \$60.00 (includes a \$40 administrative fee to the Borough of Northvale and a \$20 administrative fee due the State of New Jersey).

Northvale Lead Paint Inspector Fee: \$450.00 per unit.

SECTION 2. All other parts of Chapter 80 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if the \$450 inspection fee charge is comparable. Mayor McGuire answered that we want to encourage people to get their own inspector.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1100-2024. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

ORDINANCE #1100-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER I, ARTICLE 147, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

WHEREAS, the parking and storage of vehicles and machinery is currently regulated; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend the regulations for the parking of vehicles, vessels, recreational vehicles and trailers; and



WHEREAS, these regulations will enhance the appearance of property in the Borough while providing guidance for the appropriate parking and storage of vehicles, vessels, recreational vehicles and trailers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following ordinance is hereby added and replaces the current ordinance:

~~§ 147-8, Storage of Vehicles and Machinery.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor or occupant of lands in the Borough of Northvale to store, place, keep, park or accumulate upon such lands any motor vehicles, automobiles or machines in need of repair so as not to be readily operated under their own power, requiring substantial repairs or not currently licensed or not being currently used for transportation.~~

§ 147-8, Storage of Vehicles and Machinery.

A. Definitions:

1. **“Front yard” shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 200-4B of the Borough Code, and, in the case of a corner lot, for purposes of this ordinance, both portions of the property that abut a street shall be considered a front yard.**
2. **“Recreation vehicle” means a self-propelled or towed vehicle equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel purposes and used solely as a family or personal conveyance.**
3. **“Trailer” means every vehicle with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.**
4. **“Vehicle” means every device in, upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks or low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters, or motorized bicycles.**
5. **"Vessel" means a boat or watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.**

B. Parking and Storage of Vehicles. It shall be unlawful to park or store on any property outside of an enclosed building any vehicle, recreation vehicle, trailer, vessel, or machinery that is inoperable, in disrepair, or not registered as may be required by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

C. Parking Prohibited. The parking of a vehicle, recreation vehicle, trailer, or vessel in, or upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, street intersection or public or private front yard lawn is prohibited.

D. Parking Permitted. Except as set forth in Section 147-8 B, the parking of a recreation vehicle, trailer or vessel is permitted in the front yard only on a paved driveway or anywhere in the rear yard; further, a recreation vehicle, trailer or vessel must be parked at least ten (10) feet from the curblin and not interfere with sight lines from the street.



SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Sokoloski asked about the “front yard” definition. Councilman Bakalian commented this ordinance was a good compromise.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Bakalian asked if there was any discussion about a chicken ordinance. Councilman Sokoloski stated that the Board of Health members do not want to allow chickens. He further stated that their biggest worries were the noise, not allowing roosters, they should not be visible from the street, and to maintain and keep clean.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – Preschool is back open and have a full school. It was a successful first week. Thank you to Fran as well as the DPW for helping them get ready for the school year. The Preschool will be having their carousel cakes fundraiser next month. If anyone is interested in supporting the Preschool by purchasing cakes and pies for Thanksgiving, please contact Kate Argiro. Police Department had 526 total calls – 89 selective enforcement traffic details, 41 motor vehicle stops, 33 medical assist calls, 12 motor vehicle crashes and 37 activated burglar alarms. There were 3 arrests – 1 DWI, 1 shoplifting, and 1 aggravated assault and possession of a weapon. On August 9th, the Police Department officially welcomed its 3 new officers, Carroll, Criscuolo and Sullivan as they successfully completed the basic course for police officers and graduated the Bergen County Police Academy. All officers are currently in field training each being assigned to a certified field training officer for the next several months. The Police Department successfully launched its Be Safe/Be Cool Bicycle Safety Rewards Program. Officers have been handing out coupons for a free ice cream to Northvale children who are observed practicing bicycle safety such as wearing their helmet. This program is a partnership of the Northvale Police Department and McDonalds of Northvale and is making a positive impact within our community and promoting relationships between our officers and community. The Ambulance Corps. total calls for the month of August were 17 – 8 Northvale, 1 Rockleigh residential, 2 Rockleigh Jewish Home, 2 Norwood, 2 Harrington Park, and 2 Closter. The Ambulance Corps. participated in Town Day. They will resume their regular monthly meetings next week. A message from Chief Fallon - we are in DESPERATE need of EMTs. If anyone is a doctor, nurse, former EMT or someone who wants to join, please email nvac226@gmail.com.

Councilman Bakalian – there were no Planning Board meetings in the month of August due to lack of applications. Building Department issued 22 permits for the month of August and updated 3 permits. The new 31-unit residential project will begin construction end of this year or beginning of next year. Fees collected for the month of August were \$16,937 as compared to August 2023 of \$14,894. The year-to-date fees collected are \$7,442 more than last year.

Councilman Menafra – Fire Department stats for the month of August – 14 emergency calls totaling 46.25 man hours which include 8 fire alarms, 2 utility related incidents, 3 non-structural fires and 1 mutual aid call. There were 10 non-emergency calls totaling 116 man hours including 3 company drills. We are eagerly awaiting detailed billing information for Verizon phone service at the Firehouse to proceed with a potential replacement. Fire Prevention completed 27 inspections and 11 re-inspections. Northvale Board of Education held a meeting on August 22nd in an elementary school classroom. The school year is underway for both the preschool and K through 8. Northvale School Preschool currently has 16 students enrolled. Summer referendum projects including the air conditioning for the all purpose room and gym were completed. The Media Center is very close to completion with books being moved back in this week. QSAC evaluation training, which is a state mandated evaluation of the school’s performance, was attended by Mr. Pinajian, Mr. DeBlasio, and Ms. Dykstra. Mr. John Briguglio announced his resignation from the Board effective August 31st. The deadline to apply for the



vacant position was September 9th. Next meeting is September 19th at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. Northern Valley Board of Education meetings were held on August 26th and September 9th. Teachers returned on September 3rd and students on September 4th. Statistics were provided for spring semester testing: 404 AP scholars with 2099 exams taken, 85% at NVOT scored a 3 or better, 58% of the student body took at least 1 AP class. NJ GPA exam showed that overall 94% of students are graduation ready in ELA and 83% ready in math. Ninth grade orientation was held earlier this month. Open house is coming up on October 16th for current 8th grade students. The school underwent QSAC evaluation in various categories with the lowest score at 89% compliance in the category of Instruction and Program. NVRHS was named an Apple Distinguished School. Student safety data presentation for January through June reporting period – 22 reports and 2 confirmed HIBs, 16 chemical screenings, 7 tested positive for controlled substances, 4 were found to possess controlled substances, 7 possessions of vaping items. NVOT will hold its first pep rally on September 12th. Next meeting is October 14th at 7:30 pm in the NVD Media Center.

Councilman Sokoloski – Board of Health will be sponsoring the Rabies Clinic on October 8th, 6:30 -7:30 pm at the DPW garage. You may bring your dog or cat for a free vaccination. They usually do the dogs at the beginning and the cats towards the end. No meeting was held in July and a short summary meeting in August for Northern Valley Greenway. They did have a table at Town Day. Requested grants pending total \$3,217,661. Grants awarded so far total \$1,424, 757 with a new grant of \$119,571 awarded for Hogan Park Field improvements fencing. We did not receive the DPW garage state grant but it has been resubmitted to Josh Gottheimer's federal 2025 grant so we will wait and see.

Councilwoman Fernandez – The next meeting for the Library will be September 25th at 6:30 pm. In July there were 25 new cards issued. Check out their website for complete list of activities for adults and children each month. Beautification - hoping to get the community garden operational by the spring. Parks and open space grant that was mentioned.

Councilman Mattessich – the DPW put the finishing touches on the 911 memorial project at Hogan Park. The DPW did a great job and everyone should visit the 911 memorial site. They also did a great job for Town Day. Some other jobs they have been doing – preparation for the concert at the gazebo on August 17th, street sweeping in Northvale and Rockleigh, removed hazardous trees at Hogan Park and Pierron Street, painted the lines for soccer fields at Hogan and Veterans Parks. They will begin to paint the crosswalks. The DPW and the Bergen County Utilities Authority are sponsoring a Shredding Event on October 5th from 9 am to 1 pm in the Borough Hall parking lot. Senior Center – tomorrow, September 12th from 10 am to 2 pm the seniors will be at Van Suan Park for the annual senior festival that is hosted by Bergen County. The festival will include lunch, music, and other forms of entertainment. On September 18th there will be a vaccine clinic for the seniors regarding the flu, pneumonia, and shingles. On September 25th there will be Trivia Day with Ron. They continue strength training on Mondays, chair yoga on Tuesdays, and chair Pilates on Thursdays. Golden Age Club had pizza bingo today. This month they will be heading to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the show One Slight Hitch. In October they will attend the Octoberfest in Pomona, New York. Recreation – soccer has begun with practices and games. Next recreation meeting will be September 17th.

Mayor McGuire – thank you to all who made Town Day possible this year. We had a beautiful day on Sunday with a huge crowd. Special thanks to Iris Fallon and Kevin Trainor for coordinating along with Council President McMorrow. Also thank you to our DPW for beautifying the park and making sure everyone had what they needed. Thank you to our police, fire, and ambulance for helping out, especially our fire department for helping with food and drinks. It was a fantastic day and a job well done. We had our first September 11th memorial service this morning. Thank you to all who came out and participated including our Borough employees, police, fire and ambulance personnel. We had Pastor Choi from Chodae and Pastor Rich from Community Gospel Church along with Sarah Lucero singing and Brandan Hogan bagpiping. A special shout out to our DPW for the work they put into the memorial over the last two years. They came to me with the project. We had several big donors to the project including Matt Harman of Hartman Excavating, Chris Pesce of Pesh-E-Lectric, Cleatus Farms and D'Ercole Farms. We have formalized our bench program where residents and businesses have the ability to donate a bench with a plaque. An application will be available on our website. We cannot guarantee a desired location, but we will work with anyone who wishes to donate. Summer hours for Borough Hall was an experiment we tried this past summer and it seems to



have been a success. The employees were very happy with the hours and the ability to leave early on Fridays. We are now back to regular hours but we will implement this again next year. I was happy to represent the Borough in two events this past week. First, joining fellow Northern Valley Mayors for the annual dinner welcoming new teachers to Northern Valley Old Tappan and Demarest. The second was participating in Shoprite's annual Bag for Hunger campaign where I was joined by Council members Menafrá and Fernandez and the Northvale Police for pictures and symbolic bagging of groceries yesterday. One goal this year is to get the pod out of the parking lot by the end of the year.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ferraro – had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – Senior Center ADA bathrooms precon zoom meeting is September 19th. The precon meeting for Scharer Ave/Wildwood Road West is September 12th at 10 am. The Veterans basketball court work began. The contractor has to fence around the court to keep everyone off the asphalt for 30 days. This will be a different court than what is at Hogan Park.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafrá, seconded by Councilman Sokoloski. All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 9, 2024

