



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
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 our first responders and troops who are protecting our freedom every day.

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:

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the appointment of Ryan R. Banzaca of 352 Bradley Avenue to the Northvale Junior Fire Department. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of July 9, 2025. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Abstain	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. I-M Cleaning, Inc.
Janitorial Services – September 1, 2025
(Resolution #2025-114)
- 2. Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund Agreement
Renewal January 1, 2026-January 1, 2029
(Resolution #2025-115)
- 3. Neglia Group
Change Order Request
(Resolution #2025-117)

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 #2025-113 through 2025-121. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

RESOLUTION #2025-113

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LOSAP QUALIFIERS FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORPS.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps have notified the Municipal Clerk of the LOSAP Qualifiers for the year 2024 in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Administrator/Municipal Clerk is satisfied that the substantiated information has been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the qualifiers for LOSAP for the year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plan Administrator/Municipal Clerk prepare the necessary paperwork and voucher in the amount of \$46,561.62.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	NAME	AMOUNT
1.	Gregory Amorosso	1,108.61
2.	Jason Banzaca	1,108.61
3.	Briant Bodrato	1,108.61
4.	Christopher Bodrato	1,108.61
5.	Matthew Bond	1,108.61
6.	Karl Braun	1,108.61
7.	Peter Briscoe	1,108.61
8.	Robert Brondi	1,108.61
9.	Vincent Carney	1,108.61
10.	Stephen Cooke	1,108.61
11.	Nicholas Criscuolo	1,108.61
12.	Wayne Degen	1,108.61
13.	Edmund Devlin	1,108.61
14.	Michael Gaggin	1,108.61
15.	Thomas Gannon	1,108.61
16.	Thomas Gaspari	1,108.61
17.	Edward Giannotti	1,108.61



18.	James Kim	1,108.61
19.	Gerard Marsh	1,108.61
20.	William McLoughlin	1,108.61
21.	Corey Patullo	1,108.61
22.	Michael Pizzi	1,108.61
23.	Dyan Plescia	1,108.61
24.	Edward Rejmaniak	1,108.61
25.	Christian Renner	1,108.61
26.	Nicholas Rotolo	1,108.61
27.	Jason Rotolo	1,108.61
28.	William Sillery	1,108.61
29.	Gerard Smithson	1,108.61
30.	Gareth Thompson	1,108.61
31.	Anthony Ubl	1,108.61
32.	Brian Ward	1,108.61
33.	Edward Witkowski	1,108.61

AMBULANCE CORPS.

	NAME	AMOUNT
34.	Daryl Cerbasi	1,108.61
35.	Abbey Fallon	1,108.61
36.	Derek Liang	1,108.61
37.	Kara McMorrow	1,108.61
38.	Presly Saunier	1,108.61
39.	Vincent St. Angelo	1,108.61
40.	Taylor Stoffer	1,108.61
41.	Kevin Trainor	1,108.61
42.	Joseph Visconi	1,108.61
	TOTAL	\$46,561.62

RESOLUTION #2025-114

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH I-M CLEANING, INC. FOR CLEANING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale wishes to renew the contract with I-M Cleaning, Inc. for cleaning services three days per week in accordance with their proposal effective September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has been approved by the Borough’s Qualified Purchasing Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with I-M Cleaning, Inc. in accordance with their proposal.

RESOLUTION #2025-115

TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and



WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2025 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew their membership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borough of Northvale agrees to renew its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

RESOLUTION #2025-116

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE TRAFFIC STRIPING ON ROADWAYS

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 Traffic Striping on Roadways; 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 Riverside Cooperative Traffic Striping on Roadways.

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 Riverside Cooperative Traffic Striping and Roadways.

RESOLUTION #2025-117

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO CONTRACT WITH THE NEGLIA GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough has contracted with the Neglia Group for Construction Management Services for the Veterans Memorial Park Basketball Court Improvement Project for which the Neglia Group will be paid the sum of \$13,040.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to install new concrete curbing along a section of Grace Avenue for a cost of \$11,700.00; and



WHEREAS, as a result thereof, construction management costs with the Neglia Group to cover this new work is \$1,530.00 which the Borough deems necessary, fair, and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Contract with the Neglia Group as aforesaid is hereby increased from \$13,040.00 to \$14,570.00 to cover the cost of construction management for the additional work.

RESOLUTION #2025-118

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF VENDOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE'S LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM FROM COMMERCIAL RECREATION SPECIALISTS (CRS) TO PERRY WEATHER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale currently operates a lightning detection system provided by Commercial Recreation Specialists (CRS); and

WHEREAS, after evaluation and review by Borough officials, it has been determined that a change in vendor would result in improved service, system reliability, and enhanced safety features; and

WHEREAS, Perry Weather offers a technologically advanced lightning detection system that better meets the Borough's needs and provides real-time data, and user-friendly management tools; and

WHEREAS, Perry Weather has proposed a contract at a cost of **\$5,700.00 for the first year**, which includes initial equipment, setup, and service fees, and an annual renewal cost of **\$4,900.00 per year** thereafter for continued service and support; and

WHEREAS, the transition to Perry Weather has been reviewed and recommended by the appropriate departments, and funding for this service has been allocated in the current municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to move forward with Perry Weather as the new lightning detection system vendor to ensure the continued safety and well-being of Borough residents, visitors, and recreational program participants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Borough hereby discontinues use of the lightning detection system provided by Commercial Recreation Specialists (CRS).
2. The Borough formally designates Perry Weather as the new vendor for Borough's lightning detection system.
3. The Borough authorizes the execution of a service agreement with Perry Weather for the initial cost of **\$5,700.00 for the first year**, and **\$4,900.00 per year** thereafter, subject to annual appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale authorizes the change in vendor to Perry Weather for the Hogan Park and Veteran Park lightning detection system.



RESOLUTION #2025-119

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO
ISSUE REFUNDS DUE TO THE OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that warrants be drawn as indicated below in the designated amounts representing duplicate tax payments as follows:

Block/Lot	Name /Address	Date Paid	Amount
113/2	CoreLogic Tax Service Refunds Department P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, Texas 75019 Property – 425 Paulding Avenue	8/7/2025	\$3,032.27
908/1/C0152	CoreLogic Tax Service Refunds Department P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, Texas 75019 Property – 152 Rio Vista Lane	8/7/2025	\$4,080.12

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 3rd Quarter Taxes were paid by North Star Title Agency and United Land Title LLC indicating that the properties have been sold recently and the taxes paid by Corelogic must be refunded to the mortgage company.

RESOLUTION #2025-120

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR
WILDWOOD ROAD WEST AND SCHARER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT –
D&L PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

TITLE OF JOB: Wildwood Road West and Scharer Ave Improvements

CONTRACTOR: D&L Paving Contractors, Inc.
675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110

CHANGE ORDER N°: 1 and Final

ORIGINAL CONTRACT: \$271,583.27

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: \$22,175.15 (8.17% decrease) for an updated contract amount of \$249,408.12.

This Resolution to take effect upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.



RESOLUTION #2025-121

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)	1,851.00
Current Fund Appropriations (2025)	\$447,566.84
General Capital Fund	4,013.78
Grant Fund	84,191.54
Animal Trust	1.20
Police DEA Trust	79,700.88
Escrow Trust	6,045.02
Affordable Housing Trust	9,318.27
Recreation Trust	3,766.98
Donation Trust Account	
Summer Recreation Trust	12,152.23
SUBTOTAL	\$648,607.74
Retro Current Fund (2025)	
	\$ 648,607.74

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	July 31, 2025	\$619,971.60
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	July 3 2025	\$193,645.41
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	July 20, 2025	192,449.33
	July 31,2025	197,387.80
Health Benefits	July 15, 2025	21,107.31
County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	July 1, 2025	963,457.08
	July 31, 2025	995,519.00
Northvale Public Library		
Capital – Inter-fund		
DTC- Bond Principal & Inter		
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$3,832,145.27

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$3,832,145.27** and ratified respectively.



Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Consent Resolutions 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

*Council President McMorrow Abstained on Resolution #2025-113.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING-#25-11

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the adoption of Ordinance #25-11. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

ORDINANCE #25-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 “ANIMALS”, ARTICLE 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO PERMIT CHICKENS AT THE NORTHVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of Northvale houses chickens for educational purposes in the enclosed courtyard at the Northvale Public School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code does not presently allow for the keeping of chickens in the Borough but the Borough wishes to create an exception for the above purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 209, Article 1 of the Borough Code is hereby amended as follows.

Section 1:

§ 209-1 Keeping of certain animals restricted.

No person, firm or corporation shall keep or allow to be kept in any building or enclosure or any premises in the Borough of Northvale of which he or they may be the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant any live fowl or other livestock or any hoofed animal or animals as described under § 209-3, Classifications.

§ 209-2 Findings.

It shall be in the interest of the residents of the borough to regulate and control the keeping of animals in the borough for the following reasons:

A.

The keeping of animals may foster the breeding of insects and rodents and the germination of bacteria and other infectious microbes, all of which may cause diseases.

B.

The keeping of animals may create foul and noxious odors as well as disturbing noises.

C.

The keeping of animals may otherwise affect the public health, welfare and safety.

§ 209-3 Classifications.

The following shall apply:

A.

Class I -- Includes a lion, tiger, bear or any other animal of large size belonging to the biological order of Carnivora, or any other undomesticated mammal or reptile of large size, except as provided in Class II and Class III below.

B.

Class II -- Includes a horse, pony or any other species of animal belonging to the biological order of Perissodactyla, or a cow or any other species of animal belonging to the biological order of



Artiodactyla, provided that Class II is constituted only of animals of which the average weight for an adult of this species is greater than 600 pounds, except for ponies.

C.

Class III -- Includes a sheep or goat or any other species of animal belonging to the biological order of Artiodactyla or any species of animal belonging to the biological order of Perrisodactyla, provided that Class III is constituted only of animals which the average weight for an adult of the species is less than 600 pounds.

D.

Class IV -- Any other exotic animal, bird, fowl, reptile or poultry, including pigeons.

§ 209-4 Exceptions.

A.

Domestic cats and dogs. Domestic cats and domestic dogs are specifically excluded from the classifications of animals herein.

B.

Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DOMESTIC CAT

A member of the Felidae family long kept by man as a pet, but not including members of the Felidae family that usually live in a wild state.

DOMESTIC DOG

A member of the Canidae family long kept by man as a pet, but not including members of the Canidae family usually living in a wild state.

C. For Educational purposes, chickens may be kept by the Northvale Board of Education at the Northvale Public School in the enclosed courtyard.

§ 209-5 Restricted animals.

The following shall apply:

A.

Except as set forth above, nNo animal of Classes I, II, III and IV shall be kept or maintained in the Borough of Northvale.

§ 209-6 Declaration of nuisance.

In accordance with the purposes set forth, any violation of any section of this article will be deemed to constitute a condition that will endanger the health, safety and welfare of the public and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Such nuisance is subject to abatement at the expense of the property owner.

§ 209-7 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates or refuses to comply with any section of this article shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$500, plus cost of court for each offense.

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

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #25-11 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 Menafr	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes



ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION-1ST READING
PUBLIC HEARING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the introduction on first reading of Ordinance #25-12. Motion was moved by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #25-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND SECTION 200-5 ENTITLED “ENUMERATION OF DISTRICTS; BOUNDARIES; MAP” OF CHAPTER 200, ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE GENERAL LEGISLATION ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE

WHEREAS, by Borough of Northvale Ordinance #1026-2020 adopted December 9, 2020, the Borough of Northvale amended Chapter 200, Article II of the Code of the Borough of Northvale to incorporate a new zoning map.

WHEREAS, the amendments set forth above resulted in Block 915, Lots 1, 2, 4, and 6 being inadvertently rezoned from Light Industrial (LI) to Residential Single-Family (R 7.5).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 200 of the Code of the Borough of Northvale, Article II entitled “Districts” is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following underlined text and by removing text in ~~strikeout~~:

A. Classification and use.

- (1) For the purpose as set forth in § 200-2 of this chapter; for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; for the purpose of lessening congestion in the streets; for the purpose of securing safety from fire, panic and other dangers; for the purpose of preventing the overcrowding of land and avoiding undue concentration of population; for the purpose of facilitating adequate provisions of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements; for the purpose of conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the Borough; for the purpose of providing for public health, comfort and general welfare in living and working conditions; for the purpose of regulating and restricting the location of trades and industries and the location of buildings designed for specified uses; for the purpose of regulating and limiting the height and bulk of buildings hereafter erected; and for the purpose of regulating and determining the area of yards, courts and other open spaces hereafter erected, the Borough of Northvale is hereby divided into the following classes of zones as shown on the ~~Building Zone Map~~ Zoning Map prepared by Neglia Group, dated August ~~2019~~ 2025, adopted with such amendments as may be made by ordinance from time to time, is made part of this chapter.

- B. Zoning Map.** The zoning districts as set forth in this chapter are bounded and defined as shown on the map entitled the "Zoning Map," dated ~~October 2020~~ August 2025 which map, with all explanatory matter thereon, and properly certified by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Northvale, is hereby made a part of this chapter.

SECTION 2. The Official Zoning Map shall be changed for the following Block and Lots to reflect the correct zoning designation of LI Light Industrial within the RMI Residential Multi-family Inclusionary Overlay Zone:

Block 915 Lots 1, 2, 4, and 6

SECTION 3. Notice of the hearing on this ordinance shall be provided as required by the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

SECTION 4. Prior to the hearing on adoption of this ordinance, this ordinance shall be referred to the Borough of Northvale Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26.



SECTION 5. All other ordinances, part of ordinances, or other local requirements that are inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency or conflict, and the provisions of this ordinance apply.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding that any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining provisions of the Ordinance shall continue to be of full force and effect.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption; (2) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (3) filing of the final form of adopted ordinance by the Clerk with the Bergen County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if this will impact the local housing requirements. Mr. Loverich replied that it will not impact the numbers. The properties were always part of the LI zone per ordinance. There was an erroneous map error from a few years ago. This is just to update the map.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Council President McMorrow asked when the end date for the assessment will be. Mayor McGuire replied it would be October and residents should receive their assessment sometime in November. Councilman Bakalian stated that everyone should let the inspectors into their house. They are very professional and nice. When you receive your review, please review to make sure the number of rooms are correct and double check their work.

Mayor McGuire informed the Council that he completed the survey of residents that live at the end of Chestnut Street. They catch the brunt of the traffic issues on that street. People turning around in their driveways, people parking where they shouldn't be parking which makes it difficult for them to get out. The residents are not pleased with the traffic problems. There are 5 houses on the street. All of them are not pleased. Mayor McGuire said it has been 10 months since the ordinance went into effect. We said we would give it a year and reevaluate.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sokoloski received a letter in the mail from Northvale Beautification Program which is a scam. It says they would like to enforce quality of life laws and regulations in Northvale by fundraising for the National Police Association. He feels this will be confusing residents since they are acting like they are the Beautification committee. Mayor McGuire will put a post addressing this on social media.

Mayor McGuire sent the Council a note about the 911 ceremony. He spoke with Fire Chief Smithson who advised that the Fire Department will be leaving for the fire convention in Wildwood on September 11th. Mayor McGuire would like to have the 911 ceremony on September 10th before the Mayor and Council meeting.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – The Police Department had a total of 649 calls for the month of July – 116 selective enforcement traffic details, 108 motor vehicle stops, 27 suspicious incidents, 19 motor vehicle crashes, and 23 burglar alarms. Congratulations to Officer Milordo and his wife who welcomed their first child, Angelo Giuseppe Milordo, born on July 31st. There will be an open house next Tuesday at the Ambulance building at 7 pm. Anyone interested in joining, learning, or just popping by to say hello is welcome. NVAC will be participating in Town Day on September 6th. Preschool has been enjoying their summer vacation.

Councilman Bakalian – there were no meetings held in July for the Planning Board. Building Department issued 23 permits and updated 5 permits in the month of July. Fees collected for July were \$44,446 as compared to July of last year which were \$13,867. The year-to-date fees collected are \$215,540 which is \$111,364 more than last year.



Councilman Menafra – Fire Department statistics for July – 20 emergency calls totaling 101.25 man hours. This includes 9 fire alarms, 2 CO alarms, 1 utility, 1 rescue, 3 smoke conditions, 1 structural fire, and 1 non-structural fire. There were 10 non-emergency calls totaling 195 man hours which includes 5 company drills.

Fire Prevention statistics for the month of July – 41 inspections, 17 reinspections.

Northvale Board of Education – a regular meeting was held on Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 pm in the APR. Mr. Pinajian thanked the administration and custodial staff for their preparations for the upcoming school year and in particular Ms. Faustini for her work to develop the master schedule and student class lists. He also cited that an existing school policy for dangerous footwear would be enforced this year which includes all “backless” shoes (i.e. beach sandals). Mr. Pinajian made two staffing recommendations – one is for Mrs. Elizabeth Santos to serve as an instructional coach to other staff members. Another is the appointment of Dr. Bertolini as the interim school principal for the upcoming school year. Dr. Bertolini retired in 2023 after serving the Leonia school district for 24 years as both a principal and superintendent and has been working in other interim roles since his retirement. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 pm in the APR.

Northern Valley Board of Education has no new updates. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 25th at the NVD Media Center at 7:30 pm.

Councilman Mattessich – the Mayor and I met with the DPW a couple of weeks ago to go over several topics. Briant and Billy received a piece of steel from ground zero at the World Trade Center and will display it in front of the 911 memorial. The DPW is prepping Hogan Park for our Town Day celebration on September 6th. Normal maintenance continues with filling potholes, chipping, and collecting brush.

Senior Center – the monthly breakfast is August 19th. I visited the Senior Center in July briefly and dropped off some pastries from Paris Baguette. On August 20th the seniors will have their blood pressure checked from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. On August 21st the New Bridge Medical Center will be hosting a seminar regarding healthy skin and nutrition.

Golden Age Club took a trip in July to The River Queen and had lunch at the Shrimp Box in Point Pleasant. On August 15th the members are heading to the Pines Theatre in Pennsylvania to see the show Footloose. There is a planned trip on September 18th to The Shore Club in Spring Lake. Tickets are still available.

Recreation – touched base with Sara Kirch briefly. She is bringing her son to college. She said everything went well with summer basketball. Soccer is right around the corner. Should have more updates as to the schedule. There is no meeting in August.

Councilwoman Fernandez – Next Library board meeting is August 27th at 6:30. They will be having a summer reading party tomorrow. Beautification - everyone is happy with the community garden.

Councilman Sokoloski – The Board of Health’s next meeting is October 16th at 7:30 pm. Very good progress is being made by Northern Valley Greenway’s partner, the Open Space Institute who is in negotiations with CSX.

Grants – we have not received any grants this year. Grants pending have decreased \$1.7MM since last month. Several requests have been denied including some for the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. equipment, DPW garage (again), paving grants for Veterans Park and Pegasus Avenue, Senior Center computer lab. Many of these will be resubmitted for future grant funding.

Mayor McGuire – As you heard in the resolutions, we are in process of installing a new lightning detection system. The current system is the initial system that was installed in conjunction with the 6 other Northern Valley towns and Boards of Education. That system is over 15 years old now and is quickly becoming obsolete. The new system, which will be tied into the other towns as well will have many new features including a mobile app for our police and DPW to log into and see hyper local weather. This will help with storms and winter snow plowing beyond the primary use for detecting lightning.

Since our last meeting, we had an Art in the Park event and two concerts in the park. Thank you to everyone who helped to make those events happen. Thank you to Iris Fallon for coordinating, Kari Sedano for the Artwork and students, and the DPW for moving bleachers and making the park look excellent.

Town Day is Saturday September 6th from 1-5 PM. Rain date is Sunday September 7th. If you wish to have a table as a vendor, please contact Councilwoman McMorrow.



We will have a ceremony on the evening of September 10th at the 911 memorial in the park to honor those who lost their lives 24 years ago. We will also be unveiling a piece of iron from the World Trade Center that will be on permanent display at the memorial. Thank you to our Fire Department and DPW for obtaining this from the NYC FD – especially Eddie Rejmaniak, Gerry Smithson, Briant Bodrato and Billy Guyt.

The handicapped spot outside the preschool entrance has been moved over closer to the ramp at the Library so that it serves people with disabilities better to get in and out of the Library. That, combined with removing the giant POD from the parking lot, has given us 3 parking spaces in front of the preschool.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ralph – nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – closed out the Hogan Park fencing grant and the town will be receiving \$80,000 from the open space grand and \$73,000 will be refunded from the LRIG grant.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on any topic. 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 7:35 PM. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

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

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: September 10, 2025