



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, October 8, 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 deployed around the world.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call of the Council:

Mayor McGuire	Present	Councilwoman McMorrow	Present
Councilman Bakalian	Present	Councilman Mattessich	Present
Councilwoman Fernandez	Present	Councilman Menafrá	Present
		Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

Other Officials Present:

Kenneth Ralph, Borough Attorney
Mateo Luzuriaga, Borough Engineer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

DEDICATION OF PLAQUES

Mayor McGuire dedicated a plaque to Judge Roger Hauser who passed away on June 5, 2025 at the age of 84. Judge Hauser was Northvale’s Judge for 54 years. He is the longest serving Judge in Bergen County. He was a fair Judge and had a great sense of humor. His brother is unable to be here tonight. Tara Pisano who was the violations clerk spoke about working with Judge Hauser. Judge Martone also said he worked with Judge Hauser up until his death.

Mayor McGuire dedicated another plaque to Planning Board Chairman Charles Amorosso. He passed away on May 31, 2025 at the age of 88. He was Chairman for 37 years. He was married 67years to his wife Elaine. He was also a life member of the Fire Association. His planning board meetings were always colorful. The Amorosso family joined Mayor McGuire in hanging the plaque.

BLOCK PARTY

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve a block party on October 18th with a rain date of October 19th which was requested by Andre Farah of 422 Longview Court. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

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	Absent



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of September 10, 2025. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

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	Absent

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. Block Party Request – Andre Farah, 422 Longview Court
2. Interlocal Agreement with Rockleigh
Sanding, Salting, and Snow Plowing Services
(Resolution #2025-133)

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING-#25-13

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the adoption of Ordinance #25-13. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

ORDINANCE #25-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A STORMWATER SYSTEM MAP IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH

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

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, the sum of \$110,000 is hereby appropriated for the preparation of a stormwater system map and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 and 40A:4-55.

Section 2. The amount to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least 1/5 of the amount authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55.

Section 3. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if this will be opened to the public.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #25-13 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

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 #2025-132 through 2025-140. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

RESOLUTION #2025-132

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF \$110,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Local Budget Law and an ordinance adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough on October 8, 2025 (the "Ordinance"), the Borough appropriated \$110,000 as a special emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the preparation of a stormwater system map. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55, \$110,000 principal amount of Special Emergency Notes are hereby authorized to be issued.

Section 2. Such notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Ordinance and this resolution and shall be negotiable notes payable to bearer, and shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law, and such interest shall be payable at the maturity of such notes. The notes shall be dated on or about the date of their issuance and may be renewed from time to time, but at least 1/5 of the total amount of notes hereby authorized, and the renewals thereof, shall mature and be paid in each year, so that all notes and renewals shall have matured and have been paid not later than the last day of the fifth year following the date of this resolution. The issuing officers are authorized to provide that the notes may be redeemable at the option of the Borough.

Section 3. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute said notes, and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Borough to such notes and to attest such seal and said notes, and said officers are hereby authorized to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law and to recite therein that all requirements and conditions of law have been complied with in the issuance of said notes, and that said notes are within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of New Jersey.

Section 4. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell said notes and any renewals thereof from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest and to determine within the limitations prescribed by this resolution, the date, principal amount, maturity date, and denomination of said notes, and the rate of interest said notes shall bear and to deliver such notes upon receiving the purchase price to be paid therefor.

Section 5. The Borough Council hereby covenants on behalf of the Borough, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on bonds, notes or other obligations of the Borough (including the Special Emergency Notes) be and remain excluded from



gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Section 6. The Borough Council hereby designates the Special Emergency Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. It is hereby determined and stated that the Special Emergency Notes (1) are not "private activity bonds" as defined in the Code and (2) the Borough and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2025. The Borough will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, the Borough does not covenant to do so, and expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

Section 7. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLUTION #2025-133

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN 2025/2026 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 2025 and January through April, inclusive, of 2026.

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 #2025-134

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #272 FOR WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – ON-PREMISE RAFFLE – OCTOBER 25, 2025

NAME:	Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale
ADDRESS:	195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Veteran’s Park, 414 Clinton Avenue, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	12:00-2:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	October 25, 2025
ID #:	355-8-21812
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	RL #272



RESOLUTION #2025-135

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF OPTIONS WITH INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES OF NJ, INC. (IWS) TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

WHEREAS, the Borough's contract with IWS for Collection and Carting of Solid Waste is set to expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has an option to extend the contract through 2026 for the sum of \$1,022,165 and through 2027 for the sum of \$1,103,939; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by IWS represent the best options.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the exercise of the aforesaid options is hereby ratified and approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements to effectuate the exercise of the option periods through 2027.

RESOLUTION #2025-136

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL THE 2025 TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS, TO EXEMPT THE PROPERTY FROM FUTURE TAXES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE A REFUND OF THE 2025 TAXES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID

WHEREAS, Barry Hirschberg is the owner of property in the Borough commonly known as 403 ½ Argenti Place, and designated as Block 106, Lot 18 on the Borough Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschberg served honorably in the United States Armed Forces and suffered a permanent disability; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschberg was declared totally disabled by the United States Veterans Administration on September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschberg made application for tax exempt status to the Northvale Tax Assessor on or about August 15, 2025, and which was approved by the Tax Assessor on September 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 authorizes a municipality, at its discretion, to refund property taxes paid since the time of disability; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to authorize a portion of the taxes paid be reimbursed to Mr. Hirschberg, and to have the property entered as an exempt taxable property on the records of the Tax Assessor until further notice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the property known as Block 106, Lot 18, shall be listed as exempt from the imposition of property taxes for so long as Mr. Hirschberg owns and occupies the subject property and remains disabled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough's Chief Financial Officer shall refund all property taxes paid by Mr. Hirschberg for the subject property from January 1, 2025, to present in the sum of \$8,214.98.



RESOLUTION #2025-137

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO RETURN ESCROW FOR JESSICA SKY FOR PROPERTY AT 198 BRADLEY AVENUE, BLOCK 814, LOT 12

WHEREAS, Jessica Sky is the owner of 198 Bradley Avenue, Block 814, Lot 12; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Sky has a balance of \$689.50 in her escrow account; and

WHEREAS, there are no objections to the return of escrow from the Borough Engineer and Building Department and there are no outstanding bills.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the remainder of escrow fees to Jessica Sky, 198 Bradley Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647 in the amount of \$689.50 from escrow account number 1990.

RESOLUTION #2025-138

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #273 FOR NORTHVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION – 50/50 RAFFLE – MARCH 1, 2026

NAME: Northvale Volunteer Fire Association

ADDRESS: 204 Washington Street, Northvale, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 204 Washington Street, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 1:00-5:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: March 1, 2026

ID #: 353-9-29752

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #273

RESOLUTION #2025-139

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2025 FINAL 4TH QUARTER TAX CHARGED TO A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, Block 403 Lot 3, 602 Gladys Court, Northvale, was sold to Raymond Nelson by Lois Madera in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Nelson is a Totally Disabled Veteran and on November 4, 2024 has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30et seq.; and

WHEREAS, since the property was purchased and granted tax exempt status after the Tax Assessor's book was closed, the taxes will have to be canceled as they come up until the 2026 Preliminary taxes are struck.

<u>Assessed To</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Raymond Nelson	602 Gladys Court	403/3	2025	\$3,973.57 – 4 th 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 Final 4th Quarter taxes in the amount of \$3,973.57 for Raymond Nelson a Tax Exempt Veteran



RESOLUTION #2025-140

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)	
Current Fund Appropriations (2025)	\$226,342.58
General Capital Fund	129,533.52
Grant Fund	2,550.00
Animal Trust	5.40
Police DEA Trust	
Escrow Trust	5,358.84
Affordable Housing Trust	1,275.00
Recreation Trust	2,007.16
Donation Trust Account	2,841.36
Unemployment Trust	
Summer Recreation Trust	
SUBTOTAL	\$369,913.86
Payroll Sept 15 & 30	\$377,333.49
	\$747,247.35

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	9/15/25	\$619,971.60
Health Benefits		
County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	9/29/25	995,518.00
Northvale Public Library		
Capital – Inter-fund		
DTC- Bond Principal & Inter	9/12/25	\$5,494,278.93
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$7,857,015.88

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$7,857,015.88** be 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McGuire stated that the state health care premiums are rising 36.9% next year. The increase this year was 19%. This is getting out of control and making a huge impact on the budget. We are exploring to no longer be in the state plan. We are looking into a joint health insurance plan with others. It would be the same plan for the employees with a 13% increase. The state plan is spiraling out of control. We met with the teamsters and PBA who will review and then give us official notice of acceptance. We will have to have a special meeting since we have to notify the state in 60 days. Majority of employees are signing up for the difference card.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – Preschool will be selling Carousel Cakes to support out school programs. Our goal is to reach 200 units. You can purchase through the Preschool website or from a student.

Ambulance Corps – Total calls for the month of September were 18 – 11 Northvale, 1 Rockleigh residential, 2 Rockleigh Jewish Home, 1 Norwood, 3 Harrington Park.

Police Department – Total calls for the month of September were 688 – 112 traffic stops, 106 selective enforcement details, 19 motor vehicle crashes, 54 building, property, park checks, 24 medical assists, 46 school safety checks, 26 activated alarms, and 35 suspicious incidents. There were 3 arrests – 1 shoplifting, 1 DWI, 1 trespassing.

Councilman Bakalian – Planning Board had 1 meeting in September for an application for 213 Walnut Street to rebuild non-conforming 3 family home. They will be coming back before the board.

Building Department issued 20 permits and updated 2 permits. Fees collected for September were \$16,808 which is less than last year. The year to date fees collected are \$304,807 which is \$146,144 more than last year.

Councilman Menafra – Fire Department statistics for the month of September were 13 emergency calls totaling 45.25 man hours which includes 5 fire alarms, 1 CO alarm, 2 utilities incidents, and 1 smoke condition. There were 12 non-emergency calls totaling 302.5 man hours which include 1 company drill and 3 fire academy training events.

Fire Prevention – statistics for September – 24 inspections and 13 reinspections.

Northvale Board of Education – a regular meeting was held on September 17th. Superintendent’s Report- school year off to a positive start with good feedback on Dr. Bertolini, the interim principal. There was a presentation of WIDA Access for English language learners. WIDA stands for World Class Instructional Design and Assessment. Over 81% of students in the program achieved significant growth. During public comments, multiple parents expressed renewed concerns with school safety, specifically the addition of a SRO. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the All Purpose Room.

Northern Valley Board of education held their regular meeting on September 15th.

Superintendent’s Report – NVOT 4 HIV reports filed, 0 violence incidents, 7 chemical screenings which is about half the rate reported by NVD. Student report – September 10th is student safety and wellness day, September 12th was pep rally to welcome new principal Ms. West, September 18th was back to school night, and September 26th was voter registration information session for seniors. Next regular meeting is Monday, October 13th at 7:30 pm in the NVD Media Center.



Councilman Mattessich – DPW repaired a catch basin on Wildwood Road; installed mums at the Borough Hall, Hogan Park, and Veteran’s Park; sweep the streets with the street sweeper; painted soccer fields; started maintenance on the leaf vacuum units for the upcoming season, and normal maintenance continued with filling pot holes, chipping and appliance pick up.

Senior Center – October 13th the Senior Center will be closed for Columbus Day. October 23rd will be a Halloween pizza party at the center. October 29th Allan Swartz will be hosting a seminar on Medicare and changes that will be occurring over the next year. October 30th Hackensack Meridian Health will be hosting an interactive program on fall prevention.

Golden Age – met on October 1st. They went to Krucker’s in Pomona for the Octoberfest. Tickets for the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in December are sold out.

Recreation – soccer season continues. Fall softball and baseball teams continue to play.

September 16th at 7:30 pm was the last meeting and I was unable to attend. Net meeting is tentatively set for October 21st at 7:30 pm. Domenic and I were able to attend the Special Nees Kids soccer event that occurs every Saturday at 4 pm at Veterans Park. It truly was an enjoyable experience to watch the younger high school and grammar school volunteers interact with those beautiful children practicing and playing soccer. This program has been around for 30 years.

Councilwoman Fernandez – next Library meeting is October 22nd at 6:30 pm. On October 23rd, the Library will be hosting a family Halloween party at 4:30-5:30 pm. There is a preregistration.

Beautification Committee – The Community Garden closes on November 15th. They may be doing a closing party.

Mayor McGuire - Thank you to our DPW for beautifying the front of Borough Hall. It looks beautiful and we have received many compliments on it.

We have a new event this year called Pumpkins for Pink on Saturday Oct. 25th at Veterans Park from 12-2. It is a breast cancer awareness and fundraising event as proceeds will go to Memorial Sloan Kettering. There will be music and refreshments and a friendly competition amongst Borough departments as to who can create the best decorated pumpkin. All are welcome for a wonderful cause.

For homeowners and renters 65+ or receiving Social Security disability: File Form PAS-1 (covering ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ) by October 31. You'll need property details from 2023 and 2024 bills plus gross income from both years. The state will determine your eligibility and notify you of specific benefits by year's end.

Our new lightning detection system at both parks was installed this week. This system gives us enhanced capabilities including hyper local doppler radar that can be used by our DPW and police and increased notification capabilities through text and email.

Thank you to everyone from the Borough who helped to coordinate and run the paper shredding event this past weekend and the free rabies clinic last night.

We installed a new IP phone system in Borough Hall which modernizes our phone system, allows us to eliminate a couple of broadband subscriptions and SIP trunks and saves us money. It is a continuation of us looking at utilities and figuring out how we can be more efficient.

Councilwoman Fernandez and Councilman Bakalian are our committee chairs for the America 250 celebration in 2026. If anyone has ideas, you can get your ideas to them.

There is a 50/50 raffle for New Jersey/New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association which takes place on December 6TH. There are sheets available at Borough Hall for anyone interested.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ralph - We are preparing for a mediation session for affordable housing that is coming up.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Luzuriaga – the fieldwork for the stormwater ms4 mapping should be completed by the end of the month. This will be submitted to the DEP by the beginning of November. We are compiling the watershed inventory report which is due the end of the year. Targeting November/early December to get that in to the DEP.



OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chris Bombino, 123 Rockland Avenue – is here against Ordinance 1903-2024 and will continue to come to meetings as long as this ordinance is in effect. He has been coming to meetings since October of 2024 to protest the parking on Chestnut Street. Based on the number of traffic violations and neighbors complaints, it is in the best interest of everyone for the Mayor and Council to restore no parking on Chestnut Street. Mr. Bombino went over all the exhibits that he had emailed to the Mayor, Council, and Chief Ostrow.

Councilman Mattessich stated after reviewing the previous videos there was a lot more traffic. Now with Mufson’s lot available, there is less traffic and the violations have gone down significantly.

Mr, Bombino quotes Councilman Sokoloski from the last meeting who said there is no need for parking on Chestnut Street. This was done on the premise that the church needed additional parking. Mufson now has parking available.

Mayor McGuire responded that we can see the violations are under control and will discuss with the council about reinstating no parking.

Mr. Bombino held up an envelope with the previous resolutions from 2014 and 2014 that were passed by the zoning board stating no parking. He asked the Mayor & Council to do the right thing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Fernandez, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

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	Absent

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

Frances M. Weston
Municipal Clerk

Approved: November 12, 2025

