



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, October 9, 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 Police Officer Charles Albanese 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 especially the people in Florida tonight and into tomorrow. Also keep the first responders in our prayers that will be dealing with this storm.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call:

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

Other Officials Present:

John Bruno, Borough Attorney
Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

PROMOTION

Council President McMorrow read the letter of recommendation from Chief Ostrow requesting Police Officer Albanese to be promoted to Sergeant.

Mayor McGuire administered the oath of office to Sergeant Charles Albanese.

Mr. Andrew Mikesh from the Northern Valley Greenway gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council as to the progress of the project.

BLOCK PARTY

The block party requested by Andrew Durfee of 174 Walnut Street was approved. It will be held on October 19th with a rain date of October 20th from 1:00-7:00 PM. Walnut Street will be closed from Philadelphia Avenue to Sanial Avenue. The DPW will drop off barricades.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of September 11, 2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	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. Block Party Request – Andrew Durfee, 174 Walnut Street
2. Cooperative Pricing Agreement – Educational Services Commission (Resolution #2024-131)

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 #2024-131 through 2024-139. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

RESOLUTION #2024-131

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2024, the governing body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services/

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Northvale.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor of the Borough of Northvale is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.



EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

RESOLUTION #2024-132

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NON-PRECEDENT SETTING SIDE BAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 125

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale approved Resolution 2021-185 on November 10, 2021, authorizing a new collective bargaining agreement (the “agreement”) with the Teamsters Local 125, the exclusive bargaining representative for all regular full-time employees of the Department of Public Works, (except for the superintendent) for five years from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth the salaries for the employees based upon their year of service and other criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has a DPW employee, Kevin Corey, who is in his first year of service, but who has over 30 years of experience in the field of landscaping and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough agrees that Kevin Corey represents a unique situation wherein his services are extremely valuable to the Borough of Northvale; yet, his rate of pay is substantially lower than his value to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Teamsters Local 125 negotiated in “good faith” at the time and have agreed to correct the issue with this non-precedent setting side bar agreement; and

WHEREAS, Borough and Teamsters Local 125 wish to enter into this side bar Agreement so that Kevin Corey may be deemed to be in his third year of service effective with the October 7 pay period, and that on July 1, 2025, Kevin Corey shall be deemed to be in his fourth year of service, and his pay shall be adjusted as per the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement represents a fair negotiation and resolution of the matter set forth in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough is hereby authorized to enter into a side bar agreement with the Teamsters Local 125 in accordance with the terms set forth above.

RESOLUTION #2024-133

TITLE: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH LONGENDORFER TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE ON THE NORTHERN VALLEY GREENWAY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Northern Valley Greenway is a concept for an 8 mile long, linear park running through six towns in Bergen County, including the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, the park will be built on an existing unused section of CSX Transportation’s Northern Branch Corridor rail line north of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, Richard Fleury serves on the Greenway committee representing the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway committee authorizes the appointment of a second representative from the Borough of Northvale to serve on the committee; and



WHEREAS, Elizabeth Longendorfer would be an excellent Borough representative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Elizabeth Longendorfer is hereby confirmed as a second representative for the Borough of Northvale on the Northern Valley Greenway Committee.

RESOLUTION #2024-134

TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR 2024 SPOTTED LANTERNFLY TREATMENT SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-10(1) authorizes contracting units to enter into cooperative pricing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has volunteered to act as “Lead Agency” for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies for the Riverside Cooperative (“the Coop”) for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale received one (1) bid for the 2024 Riverside Cooperative Spotted Lanternfly treatment services on behalf of the member municipalities of Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Cresskill Demarest, Dumont, Englewood Cliffs, Harrington Park, Harrington Park Board of Education, Haworth, Hillsdale, Little Ferry, New Milford, Northvale, Norwood, River Edge and Tenafly; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening was performed at the Borough of Northvale Borough Hall at 116 Paris Avenue in Northvale at which time the one bid were read aloud; and

WHEREAS, A Bid were received from Steves Trees Professional Tree Services LLC d/b/a Treeco Solutions (hereinafter “Treeco”). 3 Pine Hill Road, Millstone, NJ 08535 which were determined to be a qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, Treeco was determined to be the lowest qualified bidder

WHEREAS, the bid is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Treeco based on the prices quoted in its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northvale Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Master Contract with the above-named firm for the contract period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026, acting as the Lead Agency on behalf of the Riverside Cooperative, with the proviso that Treeco produce a valid pesticide license for the second year of the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that member municipalities shall be responsible for entering into individual contracts with the above-named firm covering the scope of work required by each member community or entity.

RESOLUTION #2024-135

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR 2024 2ND QUARTER TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS AND PAYMENT BY FREEDOM MORTGAGE

WHEREAS, Block 410 Lot 26, 418 Crest Drive was purchased by Giuseppe Conigliaro, a Totally Disabled Veteran on July 7, 2023, who has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey statute 54:4-3.30 et seq.; and



WHEREAS, the 2023 3rd quarter tax was refunded to Mr. Conigliaro and the 2023 4th quarter, and 2024 1st quarter were refunded to CoreLogic for Freedom Mortgage in Resolution No 2024-56; and

WHEREAS, Freedom Mortgage mistakenly paid the 2024 2nd quarter tax and is requesting a refund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the CFO shall issue a refund to CoreLogic for Freedom Mortgage for taxes paid on a Tax-Exempt property as listed below.

CoreLogic Tax Service 2024 2nd Quarter - \$2,846.34
Refunds Department
P.O. Box 9202
Coppell, Texas 75019
Attention: Freedom Mortgage

RESOLUTION #2024-136

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #260 – NORTHVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION – 50/50 RAFFLE–MARCH 2, 2025

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 2, 2025

ID #: 353-9-29752

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #260

RESOLUTION #2024-137

TITLE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S2103/A971 FOR FAIR SHARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the recently adopted Affordable Housing legislation exempts ‘urban aid’ municipalities from their fair share obligation of the regional need for low- and moderate-income housing; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing legislation still requires that the urban aid municipality obligations be calculated and be distributed among the remaining municipalities in their respective zones; and

WHEREAS, there are 62 urban aid municipalities in New Jersey, which include 15 out of the State’s 20 largest cities, as well as more rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS, those 15 cities represent 19.8% of the State’s population; and

WHEREAS, it is contradictory to assume that there is no need for clean, safe, affordable housing, either as new units or redeveloped units, sited in locations where a significant portion of



the State’s residents already live and work, whether it is in the largest cities or the smallest hamlets; and

WHEREAS, it is counterproductive to require the State’s most financially-challenged residents to seek affordable housing options outside of the municipalities where they currently work, attend school, and have an established family and/or social network; and

WHEREAS, S2103/A971 addresses the hardship imposed on the State’s low- and moderate-income families through the urban aid exemption by requiring all of the State’s municipalities, regardless of urban aid status, be allocated a minimum fair share housing obligation that represents an appropriate portion of the residential need for low- and moderate-income housing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of Borough of Northvale hereby support S2103/A971 and the requirement for all municipalities in New Jersey to bear their fair share of the affordable housing obligations in New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee; the members of the Assembly Housing Committee; all Municipal Clerks in New Jersey; and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION #2024-138

TITLE: PETITION THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO INSERT AN ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AT JAMES F. MCGUIRE SENIOR CENTER BARRIER FREE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year **2024** in the sum of **\$65,000** which is now available from Bergen County Community Development Block Grant Program, Barrier Free Improvement at James F. McGuire Sr. Center Barrier Free Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$65,000** is hereby appropriated under the caption, **Community Development Block Grant for James F. McGuire Sr. Center Barrier Free Improvements**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from **Community Development Block Grant for James F. McGuire Sr. Center Barrier Free Improvements** in the amount of **\$65,000**.



RESOLUTION #2024-139

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)	\$212,268.52
Current Fund Appropriations (2023)	-
General Capital Fund	71,807.93
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	2.40
Police DEA Trust	5,800.00
Escrow Trust	
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	1,467.52
Summer Recreation Trust	1,350.00
SUBTOTAL	\$292,696.37
Retro Current Fund (2024)	2,000.00
	\$294,696.37

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 attached hereto, 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	9/13/2024	166,500
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	9/30/2024	194,000
Health Benefits	9/10/24	62,325.63
	9/10/24	66,919.10
County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	9/6/24	963,457.08
Northern Valley Regional High School District	9/6/24	577,078.20
	9/6/24	577,078.20
Northvale Public Library		
Capital - Interfund		500,000
DTC- Bond Principal & Inter		\$4,732,764.97
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$8,134,819.55



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$8,134,819.55** and ratified respectively.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Sokoloski asked if the fair share housing resolution is just in support of Mayor Ghassali’s letter. Mayor McGuire confirmed it is just support, we are not paying any money.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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

ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1093-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

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 opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1093-2024 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1096-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

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
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.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1096-2024 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1097-2024. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

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 Friday from September 1 through June 30	All

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 opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1097-2024 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

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

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 ~~15~~ 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 opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1098-2024 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1099-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

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.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1099-2024 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Ordinance #1100-2024. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.

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.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1100-2024 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Absent	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes



ORDINANCES – 1ST READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to introduce for first reading Ordinance #1101-2024. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #1101-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 140 “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING”

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

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

Section 140 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

§ 140-1 Definitions.

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

PERSON

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

PEDDLER

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

SOLICITOR OR CANVASSER

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

§ 140-2 License required; exceptions.

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

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

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

All applications for licenses shall be in writing on forms furnished by the Borough of Northvale, signed by the applicant and presented to the Borough Clerk. The said application shall state the full name, address or addresses of the applicant for the preceding 3 years; place of birth of the applicant; whether or not the applicant has been previously arrested or convicted of any crime,



misdemeanor or violation of a municipal ordinance, and, if so, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor; the nature of the goods, wares or merchandise to be sold, offered for sale or to be purchased; the name and address of the applicant's employer, if any; the place where the goods to be sold or orders taken therefor are manufactured and produced, where such goods are located at the time the applications is filed and the proposed method of delivery; a description of the vehicle to be used, if any; and the names of at least two property owners of the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey who will certify as to the applicant's good character and business responsibility, or, in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as to the good character and business responsibility of the applicant as will enable an investigation to properly evaluate such character and business responsibility. The application shall be accompanied by a letter from the applicant's employer, if any, authorizing the applicant to act as a representative. The application shall also be accompanied by a two-inch-square passport-type photograph of the applicant taken within 60 days of the filing of the application. The application shall be further accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$25 to cover the cost of investigation of the facts therein stated.

§ 140-4 Investigation by Police Department.

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

§ 140-5 Records required.

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

§ 140-6 Photograph required; display of license.

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

§ 140-7 Expiration date; renewal; fees.

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



respect to an application for an original or first license as set forth in this chapter shall apply to an application for a renewal of such license to the extent that such procedure is applicable.

§ 140-8 Hours restricted.

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

§ 140-9 State statutes govern.

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

§ 140-10 Location restrictions.

A.

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

B.

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

§ 140-11 Exception.

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

§ 140-12 Revocation.

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

§ 140-13 No-Knock List.

A.

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

B.

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



C.

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

D.

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

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

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

§ 140-14 Severability.

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

§ 140-15 Violations and penalties.

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

§ 140- 16 Repealer.

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

§ 140-17 When effective.

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

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

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

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

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – the Police Department had 624 total calls for the month of September. There were 72 school safety checks, 75 selective traffic enforcement details, 47 motor vehicle stops, 19 parking violations, 35 medical assistance calls, 47 building and park checks, and 34 civilian assist calls. Preschool is in full swing. They are running their carousel cakes fundraiser now until November 4th. Please email Kate Argiro if you would like to order any. Delivery will be November 25th, at the Preschool, just in time for Thanksgiving. Their annual Halloween parade throughout the Borough will be on October 31st. Due to high demand, they are opening registration on November 12th. Please contact Kate Argiro if interested. Thank you to the fire department for visiting during fire safety. The Ambulance Corps. had 15 total calls for the month of September – 6 Northvale, 1 Rockleigh Jewish Home, 3 Norwood, 1 Harrington Park, 1 Closter, 1 Haworth, and 2 others.

Councilman Bakalian – Planning Board had one meeting where an application was heard for a subdivision at 307 White Avenue. This application was approved. Building Department issued a total of 12 permits and 1 permit was updated. The new 31-unit residential project may commence end of 2024 or beginning of 2025. Building Department fees collected for September were \$19,673. The year-to-date fees collected are \$158,663. Inquiry was made to NJ Clean Energy program regarding a municipal energy usage audit. The program is at no cost to the municipality and requires providing utility bills for the last 14 months. The energy audit findings and recommendations will be presented once complete. The municipality can choose to take further action on report findings but is not obligated to do so.

Councilman Menafra – Fire Department had 19 emergency calls for the month of September which included 9 fire alarms, 3 utilities, 2 rescues, 1 smoke condition, and 1 non-structural fire. Also 13 non-emergency calls totaling 286 man hours including 3 company drills and 1 mutual aid drill. Information regarding the Verizon phone service monthly charges was obtained and evaluated against the monthly VoIP service cost. The costs between the two services are nearly identical. Since the VoLP service will provide more features, better service, and flexibility, the Fire Department is planning to move ahead with that. Fire Prevention statistics for the month of September were 24 inspections and 14 re-inspections. Municipal Alliance – Lauren is working with Michelle from the Senior Center to get some programming scheduled. Northvale Board of Education had a regular meeting on September 18th at 6:30 pm. The school year for both K-8th grades, as well as the new Preschool, are off to a great start. Back to school night for 4th through 8th grades was held on September 16th and included important information about new staff members and recent enhancements to the school. The administration and board congratulated three teachers for receiving tenure as of September 3rd. They are Mrs. Calabrese Mrs. DeYorgi, and Ms. Braun. The Korean Family Association is running a Woori Mart gift card fundraiser through October 18th. The PTO will be hosting a fall festival on October 25th from 6-8 pm. The results of the state mandated assessments taken in the spring will be presented at the October board meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 24th at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. Northern Valley Board of Education – no new updates since our last meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 7:30 pm at the NVD Media Center.

Councilman Sokoloski – Board of Health's next meeting was scheduled for October 17th at 7:00 but has been moved to October 23rd at 7:00 pm. Northern Valley Greenway representative Andrew Mikesh just gave an update on their current activities and plan of action. Welcome to Betsy Longendorfer as our second representative. She will assist Richard Fleury. The requested grants pending total approximately \$2,265, 280 and grants awarded so far total \$1,424,757.

Councilwoman Fernandez – Library's next meeting is October 23rd at 6:30 pm. There were 9 new cards issued for the month. There will be a new program offered on Thursdays called Grief and Gratitude Healing Circles. Check out their website for activities. The community garden should be ready in the spring.

Mayor McGuire – we have some events coming up. Monday, November 11th we have our Veterans Day ceremony at 11 am on the front lawn of the Borough Hall. We will be having the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bulbs contest where residents can enter their homes into the contest to see who has the most holiday spirit. The events committee will be announcing that soon with information on how to sign up. Our annual holiday tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 6th, at a new location – behind the gazebo at Hogan Park. Our new holiday tree was



planted this past week by the DPW in an area prepared beautifully by them. The tree stands 14 feet tall and will continue to grow. We will still have lights on the tree in front of Borough Hall too.

Great job by our Police on two recent events – Coffee with a Cop at the Senior Center last week and Walk, Bike & Roll to School this morning. Wonderful turnout and community building for both events. Thank you, Jamis Bikes, for the giveaways this morning as well as the two bikes that were given to our Police Department on Town Day.

You heard us pass a resolution this evening supporting a multi-municipality lawsuit filed against the state regarding Affordable Housing. The main reason for this is because the next round of commitment numbers is scheduled to be revealed this month, and we would have to say yes to those numbers by January. But here is the issue – there are 62 towns and cities in the state that are exempt from this commitment. How is that fair? The answer is that it is not. It’s an all-out purposeful assault on suburbia. No one is against affordable housing. That’s not the point. What we are against is the state selectively choosing communities to make outrageous commitments to massive housing developments and do it in a way that usurps local planning and zoning boards and municipal governments. Essentially builders have carte blanche to ignore local planning codes in designated zones. Now in some cases that might make sense. But that’s for Northvale to decide, not some bureaucrats in Trenton with an agenda to convert suburban and rural communities, places where we all chose to live, into mini cities. And then to exempt 62 communities that already have infrastructure to handle this is unacceptable.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Bruno – had no report at this time.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – the benches and trash bins will be delivered this week and installed next week on Livingston Street. The benches do not have to be bolted into the ground. Senior Center ADA bathrooms – contractor sent the plans to the architect. We had a precon meeting in September. Wildwood Road West/Scharer Avenue – construction should begin the third week of October. Veterans Park Basketball Courts = the oil and asphalt must settle so it will be another week or two before the contractor can coat the court.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public.

Briant Bodrato, 160 Walnut Street – there was a sign at Hogan Park that was on the ground but DPW was able repair it and hang it back up.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafra All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston
Frances M. Weston
Municipal Clerk

Approved: November 13, 2024



