



MINUTES

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, September 10, 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 all those that perished in 9/11, 24 years ago. Also special prayers to end the nonsensical political violence.

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 Menafr	Present
		Councilman Sokoloski	Present

Other Officials Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of August 13, 2025. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafr.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

The following reports are on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office and can be viewed by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Building Department
Engineer – Neglia Group
Fire Prevention
Grantswriter - Bruno Associates
Recreation Minutes
Tax Collector



ORDINANCE – 1st Reading
PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 8, 2025

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the introduction on first reading of Ordinance #25-13. Mayor McGuire stated the public hearing on this Ordinance will be October 8th. Motion was moved by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.

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.

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

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 #2025-122 through 2025-131. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

RESOLUTION #2025-122

TITLE: RESOLUTION PASSING OF ORDINANCE #25-13 ON FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled:

“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”

Heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 8th day of October, 2025, at 7:00 PM,



or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

RESOLUTION #2025-123

TITLE: RESOLUTION RESCINDING PRIOR REFUND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-119 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	United Land Title, LLC 600 Sylvan Avenue, Suite 102 Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632 Property – 152 Rio Vista Lane	8/7/2025	\$4,080.12

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution 2025-119 is rescinded and rewritten because the sum of \$4,080.12 was paid by United Land Title, LLC and will be returned to them, and the sum of \$3,032.27 was paid by CoreLogic and will be returned to them.

RESOLUTION #2025-124

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #268 FOR WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – 50/50 RAFFLE-OCTOBER 24, 2025

NAME:	Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale
ADDRESS:	195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	190 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	6:00 PM – 11:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	October 24, 2025
ID #:	355-8-21812
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	RL #268



RESOLUTION #2025-125

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #269 FOR WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – OFF PREMISE RAFFLE – OCTOBER 24, 2025

NAME: Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale

ADDRESS: 195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 190 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: October 24, 2025

ID #: 355-8-21812

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #269

RESOLUTION #2025-126

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #270 FOR K OF C IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 9021 – OFF PREMISE RAFFLE – DECEMBER 12, 2025

NAME: K of C Immaculate Conception Council 9021

ADDRESS: 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: December 12, 2025

ID #: 355-6-42364

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #270

RESOLUTION #2025-127

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #271 FOR K OF C IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 9021 – 50/50 RAFFLE – SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

NAME: K of C Immaculate Conception Council 9021

ADDRESS: 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 5:00 PM –9:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: September 27, 2025



ID #: 355-6-42364

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #271

RESOLUTION #2025-128

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Steven Eidner of 402 Clinton Avenue, Northvale, Margaret Alkhawam of 530 White Avenue, Northvale, and Elkin Chica of 14 Winthrop Street, Norwood be appointed as Alternate School Crossing Guards.

RESOLUTION #2025-129

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

WHEREAS, 2025 3rd and 4th Quarter Taxes remain outstanding on the Borough of Northvale tax records; and

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

WHEREAS, the outstanding balance of 2025 tax is \$5,573.08 as analyzed:

Assessed To	Property Location	Block/Lot	Amount	Year
Robert Bettega	179 Franklin Street	917/4	\$5,573.08	2025

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the amount of \$5,573.05 from the tax records for the tax year 2025.

RESOLUTION #2025-130

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAX DUE TO TAX EXEMPT STATUS 410 CREST DRIVE, BLOCK 410, LOT 22 – BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE

WHEREAS, 2025 3rd and 4th Quarter Taxes remain outstanding on the Borough of Northvale tax records; and

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

WHEREAS, the outstanding balance of 2025 Tax is \$6,165.45 as analyze:

Assessed To	Property Location	Block/Lot	Amount	Year
Albert Chu	410 Crest Drive	410/22	\$6,165.45	2025



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the amount of \$6,165.45 from the tax records for the tax year 2025.

RESOLUTION #2025-131

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)	\$326,799.92
General Capital Fund	236.25
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	1.20
Police DEA Trust	10,825.66
Escrow Trust	4,539.35
Affordable Housing Trust	2,833.27
Recreation Trust	9,118.94
Donation Trust Account	14,341.76
Unemployment Trust	2,885.58
Summer Recreation Trust	1,880.98
SUBTOTAL	
Retro Current Fund (2025)	
	\$ 373,462.91

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	8/15/25	\$619,971.60
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	8/17/25	178,413.07
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	8/29/25	189,413.07
	8/28/25	12,418.06
	8/28/25	11,754.25
Health Benefits	8/12/25	77,587.32
County Taxes	8/15/25	619,971.60
	8/15/25	28,746.00
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	8/29/25	995,518.00
Northvale Public Library		
Capital – Inter-fund		



DTC- Bond Principal & Inter		
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$3,107,255.88

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$3,107,255.88** 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 Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING-#25-12

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the adoption of Ordinance #25-12. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

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.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #25-12 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	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 – Ambulance Corps. statistics for the month of July – there were 25 calls – 19 to Northvale, 1 Rockleigh residential, 3 Rockleigh Jewish Home, 1 Harrington Park, and 1 Closter. The Ambulance Corps. had 15 total calls in the month of August. There were 10 calls to Northvale, 2 Rockleigh Jewish Home, 1 Norwood, 1 Harrington Park, and 1 Closter. Congratulations to our 3 newest EMTs: Presley Saunier, Serena Liang, and Giana Guercio. We wish them luck on their EMS journey! We are accepting applications for new members. Doctors, nurses, paramedics or trainees – we will provide all training at no cost. Please email nvac266@gmail.com if interested.

Preschool – we are so excited to welcome everyone back for a brand new school year! Our Preschool is at full capacity and the classrooms are looking extra fresh after being fully repainted over the summer. We are thrilled to introduce our new Pre-K 3 teacher, Ms. Brittney Duty, who has already been a wonderful addition to our team. Some upcoming events – back to school night is in October, fire truck visit is also in October, t-shirt fundraiser is happening now, and a carousel fundraiser will be kicking off soon for the holidays. It is shaping up to be a fun and busy fall and we are so happy to be back at school with our Preschool family.

Police Department had a total of 612 calls for the month of August – 121 traffic stops, 89 selective enforcement traffic details, 42 building/property checks, 39 burglary alarms, 29 suspicious incident calls, 26 medical assistance calls, 23 civilian assist calls, 20 motor vehicle



crashes. There was a DWI arrest, 29 year old male from Blauvelt, New York and a shoplifting arrest 54 year old male from Orangeburg, New York.

We are proud to inform you that Officers Carroll, Criscuolo, and Sullivan have successfully completed their term of probation which is a term of one year from their academy graduation date. All have exhibited the skills and performances required of the position of police officer and as of August 9th moved to permanent full time status.

Coming up on October 1st at Starbucks, the police department will be hosting their Coffee with a Cop event. Stop on by after the kids get dropped off at school for some coffee and conversation with our local law enforcement. Special thanks to everyone who participated in town day.

Councilman Bakalian – Planning board had one meeting in August. Building Department issued 16 permits and updated 4 permits in the month of August. Fees collected for August were \$72,459 as compared to August 2024 which were \$16,937. This was a \$55,522 increase from last August. The year-to-date fees collected are \$287,999 which is \$166,886 more than last year due to permits for home renovations and additions.

Councilman Menafr – Fire Department statistic for the month of August – 18 emergency calls totaling 74.5 man hours which include 8 fire alarms, 1 CO alarm, 2 utilities incidents, 3 hazardous conditions and 4 smoke conditions. There were 7 non-emergency calls totaling 127.5 hours which includes 4 company drills and 1 fire academy training event.

Fire Prevention statistics for the month of August – 22 inspections and 11 reinspections.

Northvale Board of Education – no board meeting since my last report however the school year is underway and off to a good start. Some upcoming school events – September 11th remembrance/discussions will take place in all classrooms tomorrow, back to school night for Pre K-3rd will be September 15th, back to school night for 4-8th grade will be September 29th.

Project graduation car wash and clothing drive is September 27th from 10 am to 1 pm at Northvale Public School. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 pm in the All Purpose Room.

Northern Valley Board of Education – a regular meeting was held on August 25th.

Superintendent's report: new access control system installed on all school access doors, 400 students achieved AP scholar designation, NJGPA exam results which were taken by 11th graders in the spring results show 92% achieved ELA graduation ready status and 85% achieved mathematics graduation ready status. NVOT team room project is underway. NVOT second turf field project start is imminent, as soccer goals were moved off the upper field and heavy equipment has been staged in the adjacent parking lot. Next meeting is September 15th at Northern Valley central gym.

Councilman Mattessich – DPW did a great job prepping Hogan Park for Town Day and the 9/11 memorial. DPW continues their normal maintenance with filling potholes, chipping and collecting brush.

Senior Center – on September 11th Bruce Hammer will be discussing the events of 9/11. The monthly breakfast is September 16th. I visited the center last week and chatted with Maureen. On September 25th the center will be hosting a vaccine clinic for seniors wishing to receive the flu shot and other vaccines that are available.

Golden Age Club – I saw Augie at Town Day and everything is going well. They are full with members and taking a lot of trips.

Recreation – soccer has begun. There were no meetings in July or August. The next meeting is September 16th at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Fernandez – Library issued 19 new Library cards. Summer reading was a success. They had 49 kids attend and had a summer reading pizza party. Next board meeting is September 24th.

Community Garden had their first garden party and was pretty well attended.

Beautification will be meeting next week to discuss season ending plans and to look forward to planning a little differently next year for certain things. They will also plan another event.

Councilman Sokoloski – Board of Health will be hosting a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats which will be held on October 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the DPW garage. This is a great opportunity to have your pets vaccinated for free. The next Board of Health meeting is October 16th at 7:00 pm which I will be unable to attend.

Northern Valley Greenway – nothing new to report but we are moving in a positive direction. No change in grants since last month.



DPW did a great job at the park for Town Day. The fields looked great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mayor McGuire – Thank you to everyone who participated in the 9/11 Memorial event we had earlier this evening in the park. Special kudos to the DPW and Fire Department for obtaining the piece of steel beam from the World Trade Center and to the DPW for installing it.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Town Day possible. We were faced with a decision whether or not to have it on Saturday because of the pending rain. We decided to go ahead with it and make it an hour earlier mainly because of the rain extending to Sunday afternoon. The field would have been a mess. Thank you to Iris Fallon and Kevin Trainor for organizing, the DPW for making everything look great, our police, fire and ambulance, boy scouts for being there and our volunteers who helped cook – Maureen and Jane from the Senior Center, Borough Clerk Fran, Judge Martone, and the Council. Despite the weather, we gave out 800 hot dogs.

At our October 8th Mayor and Council meeting we will be dedicating two plaques to hang here in the chambers – one for Charlie Amorosso and one for Judge Roger Hauser – to honor their multi-decade service to the Borough.

Reminders for two October events – Saturday Oct. 4th from 9am-1pm in our parking lot will be the annual paper shredding event. Paper only. No plastic, binders, cardboard or x-rays.

Councilman Sokoloski mentioned the Free Rabies Clinic.

We have a new event this year, thanks to Councilwoman Fernandez, called Pumpkins for Pink on Saturday October 25th at Veterans Park from 12-2. It is a breast cancer awareness and fundraising event as proceeds will go to Memorial Sloan Kettering. People come in, purchase pumpkins, which the suggested donation is between \$10-\$15, paint them pink, and make donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering. We have a website set up for people to make donations too. There will be music and refreshments.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ralph – we received one challenge on the Housing Fair Share Plan from the Fair s\Share Housing itself, no other outside challenges. Mr. Ferraro is working on this with Ms. Knight on responding to the challenge.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – spoke with Lyndsay and they are requesting additional information. She was not concerned what was inside the challenge.

Grace Avenue - have been pushing the contractor to do this work this month. It is for new curbing and restoring asphalt pavement.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Barry Hirschberg, 403 ½ Argenti Place – was awarded 100% total disability. He filed the letter with the Clerk two weeks ago and thought this would be on the agenda. Mayor McGuire responded that the Borough Attorney is making sure we do the right thing. Mr. Hirschberg filed the papers over 10 years ago and just received notice on August 13, 2025 that he was awarded the 100% disability. The VA approved this on September 30, 2022.

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 was unable to come to the August meeting. He did attend Open Mic Night and spoke with the council people that were present. Mr. Bombino went over all the exhibits that he had emailed to the Mayor, Council, and Chief Ostrow. There is now ample parking in Mufson's large lot. He believes there are about 75-100 spots available. The church safety patrol are actively out there on Sunday directing the vehicles into the Mufson lot. Mr. Bombino feels that if the parking is eliminated, there will still be bad behavior but not overly concerned about it. There is still no one parking on Oak Street. Mr. Bombino said if the no parking is reinstated, it will significantly reduce the incidents that have been occurring. It will restore promise to the neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorow.



Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:
Frances M. Weston
Frances M. Weston
Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 8, 2025