



A G E N D A
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Thursday, January 25, 2024
7:00 PM

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

This is a Special 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 Newspaper 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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sine Die Meeting of December 27, 2023

Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Interlocal Agreement with Borough of Westwood
For Deposit and Staging of Municipal Leaves and Related Debris
(Resolution #2024-31)
2. Approval Temporary Appointment of C. Martone as Temporary Judge
(Resolution #2024-32)
3. Corrective Action Plan for 2022 Audit
(Resolution #2024-34)

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”.

RESOLUTION #2024-30

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Northvale has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2023-2024 term starting July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Mayor Joseph McGuire as its representative and Councilwoman Kara McMorrow as its alternate and that Mayor McGuire hereby appoints Councilman Mattessich as his representative and



Councilwoman Fernandez as his alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY2023-2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed to Robert G. Esposito, Director resposito@co.bergen.nj.us **as soon as possible and no later than Friday, February 16, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #2024-31

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD FOR THE DEPOSIT AND STAGING OF MUNICIPAL LEAVES AND RELATED DEBRIS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Borough of Westwood regarding the staging of leaves and other debris; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to continue the Agreement through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has reviewed the pricing for the deposit and staging which will be managed by the Borough of Northvale, and finds it to be fair, and adequate compensates the Borough of Northvale for its services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Governing Body hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a three year interlocal agreement with the Borough of Westwood for said service.

RESOLUTION #2024-32

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MARTONE AS TEMPORARY JUDGE FOR THE NORTHVALE MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-5, a temporary judge may be appointed to meet a special need of limited duration; and

WHEREAS, with the written consent of the Assignment Judge of the vicinage, a municipality may appoint one or more temporary municipal judges; and

WHEREAS, Northvale previously appointed Roger Hauser to serve as the Municipal Judge for the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hauser has, at times, been unable to serve due to temporary personal reasons necessitating the appointment of a temporary municipal Judge in his stead; and

WHEREAS, request was made to the Bergen County Assignment Judge, Judge Catuogno, requesting authorization to appoint a Temporary Judge for the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, by notice dated January 16, 2024, the Borough has received authorization to appoint by resolution one temporary Judge for the Northvale Municipal Court for a period not to exceed one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Martone is a member of the New Jersey Bar in good standing and has applied to serve as the Temporary Judge of the Municipal Court of the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to appoint Christopher Martone as the Temporary Municipal Judge of the Borough of Northvale.



NOW, THEREAFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Christopher Martone is hereby appointed as the Temporary Municipal Judge effective immediately, at the rate of \$250.00 per Court Session for a term not to exceed one (1) year.

RESOLUTION #2024-33

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO PREPARE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR SAME

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale requires the services of several professionals for the year 2024 as required by law and is authorized to retain such professionals without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the year 2024 will contain the necessary appropriations in such amount as may be reasonably estimated and required for each such professional; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McGuire has duly appointed, and the Council of the Borough of Northvale has duly confirmed, the following professional appointments for the year ending December 31, 2024:

- Risk Management Consultant** - Barsa Insurance Agency
469 Livingston Street
Northvale, New Jersey 07647
- Duration - January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
- Amount - Fee as promulgated by the JIF and MEL
- IT Consultant** - Dart Computer Services, Inc.
600 Kennedy Court
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
- Duration - January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
- Amount - Fee as per RFQ received December 2023
- Financial Management Services** - Battaglia Associates, LLC
490 Ridgefield Terrace
Fairview, New Jersey 07022
- Duration - January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024
- Amount - Fee as per RFQ received December 2023

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the services to be rendered pursuant hereto are hereby determined to be “Professional Services” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and the same are to be performed by a person and entity authorized by law to practice a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby direct the Borough Attorney to prepare the Professional Service Agreements for execution and delivery by all of the above professionals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of the Contract Award to be published as required by law.

RESOLUTION #2024-34

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2022 AUDIT



WHEREAS, the 2022 Annual Audit of the Borough of Northvale conducted by Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva PA, contained certain recommendations requiring action; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations have been reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, has developed a plan to address the recommendations listed by the auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Corrective Action Plan for 2022 for the 2022 Annual Audit, hereto attached, is hereby approved and accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments to the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT - SUBJECT TO CHANGE