



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
7:00 PM

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 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 FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 remembering the victims of September 11, 2001 and the first responders that day and up to today.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Mayor McGuire	Present	Council President McMorrow	Present
Councilman Argiro	Present	Councilman Mattessich	Present
Councilman Hogan	Present	Councilman Menafra	Present
		Councilman Sokoloski	Present

Other Officials Present:

Robert Ferraro, Borough Attorney
Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the resignation of Robert Connell, Construction Official and Building Sub-Code Official effective August 25, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Argiro, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked the Council if anyone had any objections to the Block Party on October 7, 2023, rain date October 8, 2023 requested by Andrew Durfee on Walnut Street, which will be closed between Sanial Avenue and Philadelphia Street. The Council had no objections. The Police approved this block party also.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of August 9, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Abstain

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. Robert Connell, Resignation Letter of August 9, 2023
2. County of Bergen, Shared Service Tree Removal dated August 28, 2023 (Resolution #2023-146)
3. County of Bergen Letter Dated September 6, 2023
Senior Center Barrier Free Bathroom Improvements Award Letter & Contract
Awarded \$65,000 (Resolution #2023-147)

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 #2023-141 through 2023-150. Motion was made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Hogan.

RESOLUTION #2023-141

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD HESS AS PART TIME CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, Richard Hess currently holds the positions of Electrical Inspector and Fire Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Robert Connell the Construction Code Official has resigned effective August 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hess has the requisite skills and experience to hold the position of Construction Code Official; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Northvale to appoint Richard Hess as the Part Time Construction Code Official.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby appoints Richard Hess to the position of Part Time Construction Code Official, 6 hours per week, with a salary of \$14,200/year effective August 28, 2023.

RESOLUTION #2023-142

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ARTHUR SOPELSA AS PART TIME BUILDING SUB-CODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, Robert Connell the Building Sub-Code Official has resigned effective August 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Sopelsa has applied for the position and was interviewed by the Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Sopelsa has the requisite skills and experience to hold the position of Building Sub-Code Official; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Northvale to appoint Arthur Sopelsa as the Part Time Building Sub-Code Official.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby appoints Arthur Sopelsa to the position of Part Time Building Sub-Code Official, 6 hours per week, with a salary of \$9,500/year effective September 11, 2023.

RESOLUTION #2023-143

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE A REFUND DUE TO THE OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that a warrant be drawn as indicated below in the designated amount representing a duplicate tax payment as follows:

Block/Lot	Name /Address	Date Paid	Amount
502/1	CoreLogic Tax Service Refunds Department P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, Texas 75019 Property – 307 Pitcher Court	8/12/2023	\$2,919.06

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Yousufzai has indicated that he would prefer to have a refund sent to Nationstar since he paid the taxes and the payment from Nationstar caused the overpayment.

RESOLUTION #2023-144

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #247 FOR NORTHVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION – CASINO NIGHT – NOVEMBER 25, 2023

NAME: Northvale Volunteer Fire Association

ADDRESS: 204 Washington Street, Northvale, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 204 Washington Street, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM

DATE OF RAFFLE: November 25, 2023

ID #: 353-9-29752

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #247

RESOLUTION #2023-145

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR JAMES F. MCGUIRE SENIOR CENTER ADA DOORS

WHEREAS, the Borough applied for a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for James F. McGuire Senior Center ADA Doors on July 1, 2022; and



WHEREAS, the Borough was awarded a grant of \$66,125 on November 4, 2022 for the James F. McGuire Senior Center ADA Doors; and

WHEREAS, Acari + Iovino Architects, PC has prepared the plans and specifications for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough authorizes Acari + Iovino, PC to prepare the necessary bid documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the James F. McGuire Senior Center ADA Doors.

RESOLUTION #2023-146

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TEMPORARY SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR CERTAIN TREE REMOVALS

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen will continue to offer shared services to the Borough of Northvale in removing dead or dying trees located within the public right of way along County roadways; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has proposed that a Temporary Shared Service Agreement be executed by the Borough of Northvale setting forth the procedures to be followed and the responsibilities of the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough of Northvale to execute this Temporary Shared Service Agreement substantially in conformance with the proposed Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Temporary Shared Service Agreement with the County of Bergen.

RESOLUTION #2023-147

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR THE JAMES F. MCGUIRE SENIOR CENTER BARRIER FREE IMPROVEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Northvale wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$65,000 in FY2023 Community Development Block Grant funds for installation of automatic ADA door openers, new doors, bathroom fixtures, and electrical to create ADA restrooms for the James F. McGuire Senior Center Barrier Free Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Joseph E. McGuire to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Joseph Luppino to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Northvale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.



RESOLUTION #2023-148

TITLE: PETITION THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO INSERT AN ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 – BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT - \$66,125

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 **2023** in the sum of **\$66,125** which is now available from Community Development for The **James F. McGuire Sr. Center ADA Doors**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$66,125** is hereby appropriated under the caption **James F. McGuire Sr. Center ADA Doors**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from **James F. McGuire Sr. Center ADA Doors** in the amount of **\$66,125**.

RESOLUTION #2023-149

TITLE: PETITION THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO INSERT AN ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 – BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST GRANT – VETERAN’S PARK DOG PARK PROJECT - \$22,597

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 **2023** in the sum of **\$22,597** which is now available from Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for The **Veterans Park Dog Park Project**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$22,597** is hereby appropriated under the caption **Veterans Park Dog Park Project**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from **Veterans Park Dog Park Project** in the amount of **\$22,597**.



RESOLUTON #2023-150

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 (2023)	\$255,692.16
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$825.00
General Capital Fund	\$18,896.71
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	\$10.80
Police DEA Trust	\$5,464.44
Escrow Trust	\$8,651.53
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$4,741.87
Summer Recreation Trust	\$154.96
TOTAL	\$294,437.47

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, council liaison, 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:

Payroll – Salaries & Wages		
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	8-2-2023	\$147,066.20
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	8-17-2023	\$140,000.00
	8-31-2023	\$165,000.00
Health Benefits		
County Taxes		\$641,218.00
		\$29,552.00
Employee Pension Payment- PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education		\$943,431.59
Northern Valley Regional High School District		\$601,570.20
Northvale Public Library		
Trust - Interfund		
Capital Fund- Interfund	08-2-23	\$405,575.80
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$3,367,851.26



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$3,367,851.26** and ratified respectively.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Consent Agenda Resolutions only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafr	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

ORDINANCE – 2nd READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the second reading of Ordinance #1072-2023. Motion was made by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Councilman Argiro.

ORDINANCE #1072-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF POLICE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (Year 1 of 5 Year Contract- 2.50%

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

Section 1. That the following annual salaries, wages, and compensation shall be paid to Police Employees of the Borough of Northvale in the amounts set forth opposite their respective title and commencing on January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO 01-01-2023

Lieutenant	148,589.00
Sergeant	139,487.00
Patrolman	
Beginning:	
Seventh year	132,203.00
Sixth year	106,107.00
Fifth year	104,391.00
Fourth year	90,484.00
Third year	76,579.00
Second year	63,737.00
First year	56,708.00
Training pay	42,670.00

EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER 01-01-2023

Lieutenant	148,589.00
Sergeant	139,487.00
Patrolman	
Beginning:	
Tenth year	132,203.00
Ninth year	118,500.00



Eighth year	106,107.00
Seventh year	104,391.00
Sixth year	90,484.00
Fifth year	83,531.00
Fourth year	76,579.00
Third year	70,158.00
Second year	63,737.00
First year	56,708.00
Training pay	42,670.00

Section 2. In addition to the compensation set forth in Section 1, each full time member of the Police Department hired before January 1, 2012, shall receive longevity pay as follows:

- 2% of annual base pay after 7 years of service
- 4% of annual base pay after 10 years of service
- 6% of annual base pay after 13 years of service
- 8% of annual base pay after 17 years of service
- 10% of annual base pay after 21 years of service

The following longevity schedule will take effect for all employees hired after January 1, 2012:

- 1.5% of annual base pay after 8 years of service
- 3% of annual base pay after 10 years of service
- 5% of annual base pay after 13 years of service
- 8% of annual base pay after 17 years of service
- 10% of annual base pay after 21 years of service

If an employee reaches a higher plateau of longevity entitlement at any time during the calendar year, then said employee shall be entitled to receive the full value of the higher plateau.

Section 3. Time in excess of the basic work week or tour for a day performed by a Lieutenant, Sergeant or Patrolman shall be compensated for at the rate of time and one-half.

Section 4. Each full-time member of the Police Department under Contract shall receive a lump sum compensation for thirteen (13) holidays, payable between December 1 and 5, 2023.

Section 5. There shall be paid to each full-time member of the Police Department during the year of attainment of college credits towards a Police Science Degree and in each year of service thereafter the sum of:

- \$ 300.00 upon completion of 25 credits
- \$ 600.00 upon completion of 45 credits
- \$1,000.00 upon completion of an Associate's Degree
- \$1,500.00 upon completion of a Bachelor's Degree

Where an employee qualifies for a higher plateau of credits during the first half of a calendar year (January 1 through June 30), then said employee shall be entitled to higher educational incentive payments starting the first day of July 1 of that same year and in each year of service thereafter. In the event that an Employee qualifies for a higher plateau of credits during the last half of the calendar year (July 1 through December 31), then the entitlement to higher educational compensation shall commence with the following January 1 and in each year of service thereafter.

Section 6. All full time employees of the Police Department shall be paid bi-weekly.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication according to law.



OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1072-2023. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the second reading of Ordinance #1073-2023. Motion was made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Hogan.

ORDINANCE #1073-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 186 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE AND IN PARTICULAR SECTION §186-19 TO PROHIBIT PARKING AT CERTAIN TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend and revise §186 entitled “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” of the Borough Code to as set forth herein.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. §186-19 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Northvale, entitled “Parking during certain hours on certain streets” is hereby amended and revised to add the following:

§ 186-19 Parking prohibited during certain hours on certain streets.

No person shall park 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
Walnut Street	West	Prohibited Sundays and Holidays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	From Rockland Avenue to Legrand Avenue

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Borough of Northvale, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. All other provisions of §186 of the Code of the Borough of Northvale are not further amended and remain in full force and effect.

The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage.



OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1073-2023. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafr	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the second reading of Ordinance #1074-2023. Motion was made by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

ORDINANCE #1074-2023

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN TH ECOUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$105,000 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

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 Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new information technology and telecommunications equipment in, by and for the Borough consisting of: (A) Fire Department – ventilation fans, fire hose, protective equipment, swift water rescue equipment, thermal imaging cameras and other equipment; (B) Building Department - office equipment; and (C) Various Borough Departments, Offices and Agencies – computer system upgrade equipment. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$105,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$105,000, and (4) \$5,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$100,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$5,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$5,000, 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 purpose. The sum of \$5,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.



Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$100,000 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$100,000 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 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of five years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 \$100,000 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 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this 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 12. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and



the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Hogan explained why he is voting no for our new viewers. It is an extension of our previous bond ordinance and wishes we would have known about this equipment when we did the first bond ordinance. He feels it doesn’t make sense to have two different bond ordinances in the same fiscal year. It is not fiscally responsible.

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Councilman Hogan	No	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – the Preschool is back in session. The first day of school was September 6th. There are still openings in the 3 year old class. The floors have been redone in the bathrooms. Thank you to the DPW. They are having a carousel cake fundraiser. In October, the Fire Department will be visiting them, back to school night will be held, and a trip to Demarest Farms for pumpkin picking. The Police had 766 calls for the month of August. There were 5 arrests. On August 10th Chief Ostrow and Detective Sgt. Berghuys conducted a fraud presentation at the Senior Center. The transition from SwiftReach to the new RAVE SMART-911 system has been completed and is now active. Residents are encouraged to register on the new platform. The Borough’s Emergency Operations Plan, which is mandated by the state and county, has been updated by Chief Ostrow, who serves as the Borough’s emergency management coordinator. The plan has been reviewed and approved by the County and State officials and will remain in effect for two years. Chief Ostrow submitted all eligible expenses incurred by the Borough to FEMA which totaled a little over \$39,000 and was approved by FEMA. This amount will be reimbursed to the Borough in addition to Bergen County CARES relief that the Borough also received. Thank you to the Police Department who were fully present at Town Day and their help with the 911 memorial dedication. The Ambulance Corps responded to 28 calls for the month of August. They also participated in Town Day and will be at the high school football games. Ambulance Corps still needs volunteers.

Councilman Argiro – Soccer is underway. Soccer generates the highest enrollment. Thank you to the coaches and parents. The fields look good. Thank you to the DPW. The major renovations at the Library have been completed. Thank you to Councilman Sokoloski for overseeing and guiding this project. Check out the Library’s website for all activities. Thank you to everyone who helped at Town Day.

Councilman Menafra – Fire Department Line officers and in particular Lieutenant Witkowski have been working diligently to obtain grants. Fire Department was awarded a CSX grant of \$10,000 to purchase a UTV. FEMA safer grant was awarded for \$183,000 to assist with firefighter recruitment retention. Shout out to Chief Smithson and Lieutenant Witkowski for setting up and grilling at Town Day. Fire Department had 32 calls for the month of August. Fire Prevention did 24 inspections and 12 reinspections for the month of August. Northvale Board of Education had their meeting on August 24th. The start of the school year was not affected by the work being done. They are applying for a state grant for tutoring which targets students in 1st and 2nd grade who lost or fell behind during the pandemic. There has been ongoing classroom instruction and assessment adjustment based on the NJSLA testing results. The Principal filled an application to participate in Early Learning Network Improvement Community. The next meeting is September



21st at 6:30 PM. The Northern Valley Board of Education meeting was August 28th. Statistics were published for the Advanced Placement program. Eighty percent of students in these programs scored a 3 or better on the AP tests. There are over 300 students enrolled for at least 1 AP class. On July 5-8 there was an administrative retreat. Turf fields at both high schools were replaced at no cost since they were under warrantee. Next meeting is October 16th at 7:30 PM.

Councilman Mattessich – shout out to the DPW for the phenomenal job they did for Town Day and the 911 memorial. The DPW has been working on various jobs such as chipping, grass cutting, filling potholes, street signs, catchbasins. They installed new bathroom floors in the Preschool. They also had the streetsweeper out in Northvale and Rockleigh. He met with Michelle at the Senior Center. They picked up two new members at Town Day. The Crochet club sold a number of items at Town Day. There was a presentation on gambling today. On September 19th they are having a breakfast at 10:00 am. On September 21st Nurse Claudia Goetz will be doing a presentation on senior wellness and still going strong. The Golden Age club was at the Beach Haven Surf Light Theater on September 7. They saw the play Grumpy Old Men and had lunch. On October 4th they will be going to Krucker's Octoberfest in Pomona.

Councilman Hogan – The Building Department issued 24 permits during the month of August and collected \$12,669 in fees. The year to date is \$96,271 which is way behind what was budgeted. Planning/Zoning Board had a meeting on August 16th. A resolution was approved for Richard Lee at 196 Bradley Avenue to install a deck and two previous meeting minutes were approved. Zoning board had a closed session which he could not attend as he is not a member. The meetings on September 6th and September 20th were cancelled due to lack of applications ready to be heard. Next scheduled meeting is October 4th at 7:30 pm. The Bergen County Utilities Authority will be having a shredding event on September 30th, 9:00-1:00 in Borough Hall parking lot. He would like to thank the following people for making Town Day a success: DPW, Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Corps, Iris Fallon, Kevin Trainor, Fr. Carlos, Maureen Felici, Fran Weston, the Mattessich family, Senator Schepisi, and Assemblyman Auth and all the vendors. Also everyone that donated time and money to make it a success. Everyone agrees it was a success. Woman's Club will be having their annual Beefsteak Dinner on October 20th at 6:30 PM at the American Legion. Tickets for adults are \$55, kids are \$30. There will be a 50/50, door prizes, and a tricky tray. For tickets call Mary Capelini at 201-988-5351 or Sandy Grassi 201 -768 -7321.

Councilman Sokoloski – The Board of Health had a quiet summer. The next meeting is October 19th. The Annual Free Rabies Clinic will be held on October 3rd at the DPW garage, 6:30-7:30 PM. He attended a zoom meeting with the Northern Valley Greenway. Over 500 letters were sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to try to qualify for funding. The State said there is no funding as yet. We have been very aggressive applying for grants. We have received over \$447,000 in grants, not including the Fire Department grants. It was wonderful to be at Town Day. We are a wonderful small town. Thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers. He is now cancer free and plans on sticking around for a long time.

Mayor McGuire – Town Day on Saturday was a very good time for everyone. Councilman Hogan did a nice job of thanking a lot of people. Thank you to Iris Fallon, our Events Coordinator and Kevin Trainor for a job very well done. Many months of work were put into this. Thank you to the DPW, Chief Smithson, Fire Department, and our council members that helped cooking. Special thanks to Mrs. Felici who was on her feet for the whole time. Thank you to all sponsors that contributed, especially Inserra Shoprite. Thank you to Biddy O'Malley's and Brady's for donating the beer in the beer garden. A big special thank you to the DPW for the beautiful 911 memorial. Also thank you to Cleatus Farms and Hartman. We will be adding more to the 911 memorial, such as a plaque and lights. Cho Dae golf tournament was held on Monday. This is the first golf outing since 2019 when COVID hit. In 2024 it will be bigger and better. He attended a meeting on Monday night at Northern Valley Old Tappan High School welcoming staff and teachers in the Northern Valley district. The Superintendent, Principal, new teachers, and Mayor Kramer attended. The new Borough seal is on the wall behind the dais. Thank you to Council President McMorrow for obtaining this seal. There is another seal in the Senior Center. We are now live streaming on YouTube so smile for the camera. It will be archived on the YouTube site. We will publicize the link on social media and on our website. Need to discuss with the council



more in depth about the maintenance of the streetscape over the last few years. The ordinance states it is the responsibility of the business owner or resident to maintain the sidewalk, however this is not being done. We issue fines but there are still grass and weeds. We can ask the DPW to weed wack the area but it is not fair to the people who have been taking care of it. It is an eyesore to the town. We need to come up with a new ordinance. We should all think about this.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ferraro – the Mayor contacted him about the First Amendment Audits. He reached out to Mr. Barsa, our Risk Manager. A memo was issued with training involved on how to deal with people that come in and record and are aggressive. Mayor McGuire stated that the Municipal Clerk attended the training.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – the pole in front of Shoprite has been ordered. There is a four month lead time. The paving of Westcott Street should take place in the fall. We will be going out for bids for the Veterans Drive Phase II project in the fall. Construction will begin in 2024 due to Orange & Rockland’s work. We will submit plans to the DOT and County to review for the Livingston Street Streetscape from Rockland to Eidner. Plans were approved for the Senior Center ADA doors and approved by the County. Next week we will go out for bid. The deadline is December.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Motion made by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Menafrá. All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston
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Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 11, 2023