



**A G E N D A**  
**Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024**  
**6:00 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**

**SUSPENSION OF REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**INTRODUCTION**  
**2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**  
**(Public Hearing on June 17, 2024 )**

**ORDINANCE #1088-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CY 2024 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen find it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that a 1.00 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$77,811.70 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the



Borough of Northvale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.00%, amounting to \$77,811.70, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Northvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**ROLL CALL**

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**RESOLUTION #2024-87**

**TITLE: INTRODUCTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statement of revenue and appropriation attached hereto constitute the local budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey for the year 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said budget is to be published in the Record in the issue of May 21, 2024, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Complex on June 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries – Anticipated**

<b>Summary of Revenues</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
1. Surplus	555,000.00	320,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,607,734.45	2,346,152.97
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00	245,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	8,018,223.17	7,713,916.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	375,123.00	359,267.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	8,393,346.17	8,073,183.00
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>11,856,080.62</b>	<b>10,984,335.97</b>
<b>Summary of Appropriations</b>		
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,658,900.00	3,542,350.00
Other Expenses	5,553,671.45	3,987,584.00
2. Statutory Expenses & Other Appropriations	1,169,487.87	2,014,970.97
3. Capital Improvements	30,000.00	60,000.00
4. Debt Service	932,768.00	922,295.00
5. Deferred Charges	150,916.00	118,734.00
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	360,337.08	338,402.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>11,856,080.62</b>	<b>10,984,335.97</b>

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**RESOLUTION #2024-88**

**TITLE: AMENDMENT OF 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale deems it necessary and desirable to provide for capital improvements and projects not previously in the 2023 Capital Budget of said municipalities, and

**WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 5:30-4-4.4B** provides that the Capital Budget of a governing body shall be amended to reflect any provisions, changes or inconsistencies with said Capital Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, that the 2023 Capital Budget shall be amended to reflect the addition of Ordinance 1086-2024 for \$543,000 for various 2024 Road Improvements and the acquisition of Rescue Fire Vehicle and Ordinance 1087-2024 for \$783,300 including DOT Road Improvements, and Park Improvements, not previously provided in the 2023 Capital Budget

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said amendment, as promulgated by the Local Finance Board shall represent the amended Capital Budget for the year 2023.

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**RESOLUTION #2024-89**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMER HOURS FOR BOROUGH OFFICE EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, The Governing Body desires to authorize summer hours for Borough Office employees; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, hours for Borough office employees as set forth in the Borough handbook are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm. with one hour for lunch;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that from May 28, 2024 through September 2, 2024, the hours for Borough office employees is hereby amended to Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a one-hour lunch break on those days, and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with no lunch break on Friday.

**ROLL CALL**

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**