



**MINUTES**  
**Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 for Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver who passed away last week at the age of 71 and Martha Rooney who was a longtime Northvale Ambulance Corp. officer and wife of former Mayor John Rooney.

Mayor McGuire wished Council President McMorrow a Happy Birthday as did the Council.

**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	Absent

**Other Officials Present:**

Kenneth Ralph, Borough Attorney  
 Yasseen Saad, Borough Engineer  
 Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the appointment of Vincent J. Sloat, 318 Sutton Place, Norwood to the Northvale Junior Fire Department. Motion was made by Council President McMorrow, 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	Absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of July 12, 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	Absent

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor McGuire stated that 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. Arcari + Iovino Architects Proposal, dated March 23, 2023  
Senior Center ADA Doors  
(Resolution #2023-129)
2. I-M Cleaning, Inc. Estimate dated July 27, 2023  
(Resolution #2023-137)
3. Downes Tree Service Master Contract  
(Resolution #2023-138)
4. Senco Metals Master Contract  
(Resolution #2023-138)

**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 #2023-129 through 2023-140. Motion was made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Council President McMorrow.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-129**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ARCARI + IOVINO FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR A CDBG FUNDED GRANT – JAMES F. MCGUIRE SENIOR CENTER ADA DOORS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in need of an ADA code compliant main entrance for the James F. McGuire Senior Center; and

**WHEREAS**, there is funding for this project through a Community Development Block Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Arcari +Iovino is familiar with the administration process for this grant and can provide the necessary architectural services; and

**WHEREAS**, Arcari + Iovino has submitted a proposal dated March 23, 2023 for their services for this project in the sum of \$11,000, which service and amount does not require competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough finds the proposal to be reasonable and suited for the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Governing Body does accept the proposal by Arcari + Iovino and does hereby authorize the execution of an agreement by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk with Arcari + Iovino for the services set forth herein.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-130**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VETERANS DRIVE ROADWAY PROJECT PHASE II**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough applied for a NDOT FY2023 Grant for Veterans Drive Roadway Project Phase II on June 29, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough was awarded a grant of \$225,680 on November 23, 2022 for Veterans Drive Roadway Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Neglia Group has prepared the plans and specifications for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough authorizes Neglia Group 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 Veterans Drive Roadway Project Phase II, NJDOT FY2023.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-131**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LIVINGSTON STREET STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough applied for a NJDOT LTPF 2023 Livingston Street Streetscape Improvements Project on October 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough was awarded a grant of \$330,000 on March 8, 2023 for the Livingston Street Streetscape Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Neglia Group has prepared the plans and specifications for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough authorizes Neglia Group 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 Livingston Street Streetscape Improvements Project NJDOT LTPF 2023.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-132**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 (TWO) FORD EXPLORER POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE NORTHVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT – STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale intends to enter into a contract with Winner Ford, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions



applicable to the current State contract, for the purchase of 2 (two) 2023 Police Ford Explorer vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Northvale authorize the purchase of 2 (two) 2023 Police Ford Explorer vehicles pursuant to all conditions of the State contract at a base cost of \$54,382.00 for a total of \$108,764.00.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-133**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #243 FOR ST. ANTHONY’S CHURCH – 50/50 OFF PREMISE RAFFLE – NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

NAME: St. Anthony’s Church  
ADDRESS: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ  
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ  
HOURS: 1:00 – 4:00 PM  
DATE OF RAFFLE: November 5, 2023  
ID #: 353-1-146  
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #243

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**RESOLUTION #2021-134**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #244 FOR K OF C IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL – 50/50 – SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

NAME: K of C Immaculate Conception Council  
ADDRESS: 211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ  
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ  
HOURS: 2:00 – 11:00 PM  
DATE OF RAFFLE: September 16, 2023  
ID #: 355-6-42364  
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #244

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**RESOLUTION #2023-135**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #245 FOR WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – 50/50 ON PREMISE DRAW – OCTOBER 20, 2023**

NAME: Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale  
ADDRESS: 195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ  
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 190 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ  
HOURS: 6:00 – 11:00 PM  
DATE OF RAFFLE: October 20, 2023  
ID #: 355-8-21812  
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #245

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**RESOLUTION #2023-136**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #246 FOR WOMAN’S CLUB OF NORWOOD-NORTHVALE – ON-PREMISE DRAW-OCTOBER 20,2023**

NAME: Woman’s Club of Norwood-Northvale  
ADDRESS: 195 Veterans Drive, Northvale, NJ  
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 190 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ  
HOURS: 6:00 – 11:00 PM  
DATE OF RAFFLE: October 20, 2023  
ID #: 355-8-21812  
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RA #246

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**RESOLUTION #2023-137**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH I-M CLEANING, INC. FOR CLEANING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale wishes to engage the services of I-M Cleaning, Inc. for cleaning services three days per week in accordance with their proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal has been approved by the Borough’s Qualified Purchasing Agent.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with I-M Cleaning Services in accordance with their proposal.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-138**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MASTER CONTRACT WITH DOWNES TREE SERVICE CO. INC. AND SENCO METALS, LLC BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE AS LEAD AGENCY ON BEHALF OF RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM – 35RC**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale as lead agency on behalf of the Riverside Cooperative Pricing System 35RC (“the Cooperative”) solicited two separate bids on behalf of the cooperative: (1) for tree service and (2) for fencing materials and installation; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the bid requests, one bid was received for tree service from Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., and one bid was received for fencing materials and installation from Senco Metals, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids received are acceptable to the Cooperative.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a master contract on behalf of the Cooperative.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-139**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, CLAIMANT’S SIGNATURE FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1**

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2016, the State of New Jersey legislature adopted PL 2016, Ch. 29 which allows local units to 1) utilize standard electronic funds transfer technologies and 2) greater flexibility when to require a vendor or certification prior to paying claims; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 requires that the governing body of any local unit shall not pay out of its monies unless:

- (a) The person claiming or receiving payment first presents a detailed bill of items or demand, specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up (the invoice), with the certification of the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct (the Claimant Certification).
- (b) The payment carries a written or electronic certification of some officer or duly designated employee of the local unit having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered to, the local unit (certification of the user department).

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1 and Local Finance Notice 2018-13 gives local units discretion to not require claimant certification by enacting a standard policy by resolution for vendors or claimants who do not provide such certification as part of its normal course of business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board adopted the rules and regulations that the local units must adhere to in order to enact the provisions of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 allows that municipalities may by resolution set forth the circumstances when they will or will not require a vendor (claimant) signature on a purchase order; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection (a) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.6 as well as 5:31-4.1 clarify that the certification may be executed by a vendor or claimant by signature stamp, facsimile signature, or by electronic signature in addition to a “wet” signature; and



**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following circumstances be applied with respect to this act:

**Vendor Signature Required (stamp, fax, electronic or wet signature is acceptable)**

1. Any employee and/or Retiree Reimbursements.
2. Refund or reimbursement of Municipal Revenue.
3. Capital projects and/or grant expenditures.
4. Services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual or professional service.
5. Any situation deemed necessary and appropriate by the CFO.

**Vendor Signature Not Required:**

1. Vendors who are paid through EFT technologies.
2. Vendors who do not provide certifications part of the normal course of business and/or Purchase Orders of \$3,000 or less.
3. Debt Service.
4. Utilities regulated by tariff.
5. Professional Development expenses.

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**RESOLUTION #2023-140**

**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)	\$169,369.06
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	
General Capital Fund	\$405,575.80
Grant Fund	\$200.00
Animal Trust	\$1.20
Police DEA Trust	\$4,739.89
Escrow Trust	\$4,367.71
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$5,073.45
Summer Recreation Trust	\$7,349.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$596,677.00</b>

**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	6-08-2023	\$165,000.00
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	7-2-2023	\$150,000.00
Health Benefits	6-14-23	\$61,341.64



County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education		\$839,838.17 \$839,838.17
Northern Valley Regional High School District		
Northvale Public Library		
Trust - Interfund		
Capital Fund- Interfund		
DTC- Bond Interest		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,652,694.98</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$2,652,694.98** and ratified respectively.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**Bill Sillery, 324 Bradley Avenue** – asked what is the scope of the Livingston Street Streetscape as there was no description. Mr. Saad responded for the pavers, sidewalks, benches, planters, ADA ramps. Mayor McGuire also answered that it is a wide scope to the New York border. Mr. Sillery further stated that there are gaps in the streetscape. Commercial landlords did not put the streetscape posts in.

**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	Absent

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**ORDINANCE – 1ST READING**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the first reading of Ordinance #1072-2023. Motion was made by Councilwoman McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafra**

**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.

**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	Absent

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**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the first reading of Ordinance #1073-2023. Motion was made by Councilman Argiro, seconded by Council President McMorrow.**

**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:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Location</b>
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.

**ON THE QUESTION** – Councilman Hogan asked if the Chief agreed with this decision. Chief Ostrow answered that he spoke with the Mayor and consulted with the Attorney.

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

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	Yes	Councilman Menafrá	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

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**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the first reading of Ordinance #1074-2023. Motion made by Councilman Menafrá, 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 THE COUNTY 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 asked if the Fire Department grant of \$28,000 was received. He also asked if these items were known when we did the bond ordinance two months ago. Mayor McGuire replied that some were known but they can no longer be put off. The tires are needed, spare hoses and nozzles. Councilman Hogan ended with he wishes we could have included these in the previous ordinance.

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

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Mattessich	Yes
Councilman Hogan	No	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Council President McMorrow	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council President McMorrow** – reported the Preschool has sent out their welcome letter to all parents. Orientation will be August 31st and September 5th with school starting on September 6th. Mrs. Argiro does a fantastic job. Ambulance Corps had 27 calls for the month of June and 32 calls for the month of July. They are in dire need of new members. Police Department had 808 events in the month of July. The Hogan Park camera project is moving forward and installation should be in September.

**Councilman Hogan** – reported the Building Department issued 23 permits for the month of July and collected \$18,203. The year to date is \$83,602 which is still behind budget. Planning/Zoning Board meeting was held on July 19 with an application from Richard Lee at 196 Bradley Avenue. It was determined that the house was built according to code and he was granted a variance for a deck. The August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was cancelled due to lack of applications ready to be heard. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The Bergen County Utilities Authority will be sponsoring a shredding event on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 1:00 in Borough Hall parking lot.

**Councilman Mattessich** – reported on the many jobs the DPW has been doing. They cleaned up wood chips that fell off of a truck on Livingston Street, installed lantern fly traps at the parks, moved the air conditioner in the Library, borrowed the hot box from Norwood for potholes and met with Kate from the Preschool about some projects to name a few. Senior Center is running smoothly. He met with Michelle and Jane. The crocheting club will be selling their items at Town Day. Northvale Police will be doing a fraud presentation tomorrow at the Senior Center. The Golden Age Club went on a trip today to Resorts Casino in Monticello, New York. They have a trip scheduled in September to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Councilman Argiro** – reported that the Library renovation is done. Adult Softball is done. Congratulations to Team Highwood Construction which was sponsored by Dave Uglione and coached by Dean Schembri. There will be an All-Star charitable game on Sunday at 10:00 am at Hogan Park with proceeds going to St. Anthony’s. This is the last week to register for fall soccer. Recreation is looking for new Commissioners for soccer and basketball. There are some upcoming projects at Veterans Park such as the passive park area and dog park.

**Councilman Menafra** – reported the Fire Department had 27 calls for the month of July. Fire Prevention did 8 inspections and 5 reinspections. Northvale Board of Education had a meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The referendum projects are moving ahead. Modular building should be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The bids for the media center and softball fields were rejected since they exceeded the budget so they will have to go out for bid again. The next meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.



Northern Valley Board of Education's last scheduled meeting was July 25<sup>th</sup> but was cancelled. The next meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup> at Northern Valley Demarest.

**Mayor McGuire** – summer programs are continuing. On July 20<sup>th</sup> the Peus Cash Band had a nice turnout. On August 25<sup>th</sup> the Movie Under the Stars will be Herbie The Love Bug. Thank you to our Public Events Coordinator Iris Fallon and her helpers Kevin Trainor, Fran Weston, DPW and Police. Town Day will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, rain date September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be establishing a Community Garden in front of the DPW property. We received \$10,000 from Veolia to construct the garden. DPW and the beautification committee will construct the garden starting this fall. We now have the Recycle Coach program which offers an app and website reminder for garbage, recycling, special events and is funded by the state. We have modernized our emergency notification system to Rave. This will give us the ability to notify residents by voice calls, emails, and text. There is a link on the website and social media where you can sign up. We are shooting for November for tax payments online. At our last meeting, there was a public comment made about the Police salaries being some of the highest in the state. After doing some research, that information is incorrect. After reviewing, Northvale is not close to being the highest in the county. The chart did not include benefits. We do not have astronomical salaries as compared to others in the state.

#### **BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT**

**Mr. Ralph** had nothing to report at this time.

#### **BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT**

**Mr. Saad** - Paris/Livingston Street Streetscape damaged light pole by Shop Rite - trying to contact the contractor. A letter was sent to the contractor who is out of the country but returning on Friday. Riverside Cooperative Paving Program began on June 20<sup>th</sup> and was done June 27<sup>th</sup>. Westcott Street is left as we are waiting on the Old Tappan drainage project to be completed. Milling and paving should begin next week or the following week. Veterans Drive Paving Phase II DOT funded - the design has been completed and submitted to NJDOT and waiting for approval. Livingston Streetscape from Rockland Avenue to Eidner Way - the Borough was awarded \$330,000 grant from DOT. We completed the survey and are at the 90% design mark. Once we are at 100% , we will be submitting everything to the Borough and once the Borough approves, it will be sent to the DOT.

#### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**Ed Devlin, President, Northvale Fire Association** – asked why the light was taken down at the firehouse without permission. Mayor McGuire explained the history of this light. The neighbors were happy with the blinders that were placed on the sides of the light. In June someone from the Fire Department called Orange & Rockland and asked to have the blinders removed. Mayor McGuire further explained that he and our Zoning Officer received complaints about the light from residents, so the only solution was to have the light disconnected.

**Bill Sillery, 324 Bradley Avenue** – stated that no one from the Fire Association called Orange & Rockland. He feels that before the Mayor made the decision to have the light taken down, Mr. Devlin should have been told. He also said that the Fire Association has been trying to address the neighbors complaints about the light by changing the direction of the light. Councilman Mattessich asked if the light on the building now is enough light. Mr. Sillery answered that the light with the diffusers was perfect.

**Sarah Nitka, 202 Washington Street** – has lived in Northvale for 4 years now. She has asked the Fire Association for an adjustment to the light since it shines on her house. She did not receive any answers from them. Her whole backyard is lit up from this light. She would like to sit down and discuss with the Fire Association and the Mayor what can be done.

**Peter Briscoe, 506 Crest Drive** – the light is not needed. He is embarrassed over this whole thing.

**Tony Ubl, 161 Scharer Avenue** – the LED light that was installed was overkill. The light was not requested by the Fire Association. Last year Orange & Rockland was called to fix the light when it was shot out. When Orange & Rockland came, the technician asked how did this LED light get here since they never install this type of light in a residential area.



**Lisa Fleury, 204 Frankfort Avenue** – when she is walking or driving, the light is so blinding that you cannot see. When she was walking, young drivers peeled out from the firehouse. She asked if the Fire Chief could speak to his Junior members.

**Joe Saunier, 205 Washington Street** – when he spoke with the Fire Association, he asked if the light needed to be on all night. He also suggested putting the light on the pole facing the firehouse.

Chief Ostrow stated that there has not been any formal investigation or complaint about a discharge of a firearm to the streetlight.

Mayor McGuire stated that he would love to satisfy the neighbors and the Fire Association. He is open to discussing this. The LED light was unacceptable. He would like to have the neighbors involved in the discussion also.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion made by Councilman Argiro, 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: September 13, 2023