



**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
**Friday, December 1, 2023**  
**5:30 PM**

To view the Mayor & Council meeting via livestream, please access the YouTube link which is posted on the Northvale website, [www.northvalenj.org](http://www.northvalenj.org). Go to government tab, then to meeting livestreams.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 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 FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor McGuire asked everyone to stand and join him in a salute to the flag led by Molly McMorrow.

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:**

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

**Other Officials Present:**

Kenneth Ralph, Borough Attorney  
Carson Monk, Bruno Associates  
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

**Mayor McGuire states that this is a Public Hearing on the Resilient Communities Grant for a DPW pre-fabricated garage.** Carson Monk, Grantswriter, explains that this a grant offered from the State Department of Community Affairs. It is open to the most populated and hardest hit areas by a natural disaster and areas that received damage by Hurricane Sandy or Ida. There are two areas that can apply, low to moderate areas or areas in urgent need. We will be applying for the urgent need area. Damage could have been to buildings, equipment, or vehicles. We are applying for this grant to carry out a project to provide a prefabricated garage for the Department of Public Works to house their machines and vehicles.

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

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2023-175. Motion was made by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorrow.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-175**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS’ RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has made grant funding available via the Resilient Communities Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately



\$583,920.00 to carry out a project to provide the Northvale Department of Public Works with a garage to house DPW vehicles and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2023, the Borough of Northvale held a public hearing regarding the submission of the Grant Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interests of the Borough to apply for the said Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale:**

1. Hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Northvale and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 PM. Motion was made by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Councilman Mattessich. All were in favor to adjourn.

*Joseph E. McGuire*  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Frances M. Weston*

Frances M. Weston  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 13, 2023